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## Shall Justice Prevail?

Again the multitude of wage-workers of the state of New York can raise their voices and repeat the old cry "Farewell to Liberty," "Good bye to Freedom," "All Hail to Monopoly," and "Welcome the Coming Monarchy," so said the wage-workers of this state in casting their vote last year for Member of Assembly. With a few exceptions, the members of that corrupt house are there for no other purpose than the "almighty dollar," which they receive from the rich corporations by becoming their slaves and betraying the people.

The busy scenes of Monte Carlo are like pebbles in the mighty ocean along side of the scenes of the money lobbyists during the last session of the legislature who are there buying the members by the wholesale, and they were willing to be bought. Proof for these statements can be verified by the laws enacted by the last session. There was not one law passed that session which was a benefit to the people, while on the other hand several hundred of new laws, which can be called class laws were enacted for the benefit of corporations and trusts. The honorable organization of the wage-workers of the state in the last convention held in Albany last September had the following bills drawn up and submitted to the legislature:

1. A bill compelling all street railway cars to be vestibuled in the state.
2. Making execution judgments for non-payment of wages free of charge.
3. Amendment to the eight-hour law making a violation a misdemeanor.
4. A bill making 20 cents an hour the minimum for unskilled labor on public works.
5. To permit all cities of the state to do

repairing and repaving of their streets and other public places by day instead of contract labor.

6. To permit the school authorities to purchase school furniture outside of state prisons, provided such furniture is made by labor in the state.

7. Known as the Ford's Liability bill, desired by every wage-worker throughout the state, and which was for the benefit of every wage-worker, widow and orphan, went down with the rest of the above named bills.

Not a bill that was recommended by the wage-workers of this state has become a law. Why? Because, the wage-workers are political slaves as well as social and industrial slaves. Slaves to their party, slaves to their political bosses, and the worst sight of all is to see the wage-workers hug and kiss the chain that binds them into slavery. Who among us dare to assert our freedom or claim or take possession of our rights? Men dare to fight for the abolishment of chattel slavery, but where are the men who dare to fight for the abolishment of our political slavery? Liberty! Liberty! You may cry, but there will be no response from the political bosses as long as you are willing to kneel to their wishes. Liberty we shall never have until we have overthrown the political bosses of this state and the wage-workers of this state stand upon a platform for independent political action. I believe that the hour has come when such action should be taken by the united force of organized labor. I believe that this moment we should commence to organize throughout the state workingmen's independent political leagues for the principles of justice, rights and liberty. Organized labor holds the balances of power in the follow-

ing counties: Kings, Lewis, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, New York, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Schenectady, Seneca, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Westchester, Broome, and Erie. If so this would give us 90 assemblymen out of 150, and 33 senators out of 50, or the balance of power in both houses, and would enable the workmen to elect their own speaker and have the appointment of all committees. Are we to accept this golden opportunity or are we to continually accept the gross insults to organized labor which have been given to us by the last session of the legislature? The organized membership of the state is over 250,000, with 15,000 labor organizations.

Roosevelt was elected governor in 1898 by a plurality of 17,786, which would not be a tenth part of organized labor. In 1896, the candidate for governor, Porter, democrat, received 574,524; Black, rep., 787,516. Organized labor of the state held the balance of power then and has for the past ten years. We have held conventions during this time, appealed to both parties for just laws and the enforcement of the same, but our appeal has been entirely ignored. The few laws that we have had passed, viz., the eight-hour law has not been enforced in 10 per cent. of the cities and villages throughout the state, because the political bosses of today say, no, and the toilet paper politicians among our ranks say that it is all right.

Again I say that the great wrong from which we are suffering, the great question that we are forcing, must be settled at the ballot box by the wage-workers of the state. God will never let us fight these wrongs out on the battle field in blood and

death, so it is the wage-worker's duty for the protection of yourselves, your wives and children, to unite in a movement for independent political action.

Yours for justice,

GEORGE H. WOODBURN,  
Oneonta, N. Y., April 8, 1900.

### Grand President's Message.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 8, 1900.

Mr. Editor and Brother;

Knowing the members of the brotherhood are always willing to know what the grand officers are up to, and believing that the brothers should know what is going on at the general office, I will enlighten them as to what the G. P. has been doing the past month. On March 4, I received a telegram from the general office informing me that I was wanted at Pittsburgh, as No. 51 was on a strike and wanted a grand officer there. I could not get away at that time and so advised the G. S., who instructed 4th Vice-Pres. Russell to proceed to Pittsburgh, which he did, but could remain only a few days. On the 8th I reached there, relieved Bro. Russell and remained until the 10th. As there did not seem to be anything to do but wait, I concluded to return home and await developments. No. 51 is a model local union and I have seldom seen a more gentlemanly or intelligent body of men, and the strike as it is conducted under the leadership of Pres. Sadler is perfect. Not an act of violence has been done. They remain entirely away from the shops and not a man has done aught to bring discredit to his organization, the bum element which is apt to creep into such cases and the saloon gang, which often brings disgrace and discredit to an organization at such times, were entirely absent. The boys are putting up a stiff fight and should and no doubt will win out. Success to them.

Akron, O., has a small local, that is it has not many members but what it lacks in members it makes up in grit and nerve. I was asked to come to Akron and do a little missionary work, which I did in company with a number of the boys from Nos. 38 and 39, and although we had a small attendance, as a result of our visit seven new applications were received. Seven men are not many, but they beat none out of sight. Some days later I was called to Chicago by a telegram from Bro. J. H. Maloney. I immediately proceeded to that city, where I met a committee from the Independents with a view of amalgamating these men with the I. B. E. W. An agreement was reached between the committee and myself, subject to the ratification of the Brotherhood of Electrical Mechanics and the E. B. of the I. B. E. W. At this date the proposition is being considered by the Mechanics and will probably be accepted, when it will come before the E. B. for approval. For some

time Nos. 41 and 45 have had some differences to be settled by the G. P., or one of the grand officers, and I have been intending to visit their city and adjust the differences, so on the last of the month I proceeded to Buffalo and made a visit to No. 41, heard their part of the story, but owing to the fact that No. 45 did not meet for a week I could not meet with them but will make a thorough investigation in the near future. I did, however, succeed in adjusting some other troubles existing in that city. From Buffalo I proceeded to headquarters to meet G. T. Wissinger, who has been on an organization tour through Canada and to consult with the G. S. upon matters pertaining to the I. B. E. W. These are busy times in the Brotherhood, with an assessment of more than \$1.25 per week by the N. B. T. C. to aid the B. T. C. strike at Chicago, with a strike at Pittsburgh and many more threatened all over the country. One can find plenty to do keeping out of trouble, to say nothing of adjusting trouble already existing. From Rochester I again visited Pittsburgh, where I am at this writing. The fight is still raging hot in this city. May the best man win in the war cry and we can only wait and see what the future has in store for us. Maybe it's good luck, maybe not; but in the words of Benjamin Franklin we'll all hang together.

In looking over my mail when in Cleveland this week, I find letters from forty-three different locals asking for aid from their G. P. in some form or other. I would be only too glad to render these locals aid, but until the E. B. unties my hands I am powerless to aid you all. If they refuse to do this, then some one else other than your Uncle Tom will have to help you in time of trouble, and no doubt that some one will do far better than yours truly,

THOS. WHEELER, G. P.

One of the greatest problems of the future is the cheaper production of electrical energy. The next century is likely to see its solution. Electricity may become the cheapest form of energy, and therefore the primary one for every purpose, superceding the use of coal for general heating and metallurgical purposes as well as for powder. The question, "What will be the fate of humanity without coal?" may be answered long before the coal fields are exhausted. The ultimate solution of the problem will probably be found in some as yet untried direction. Charles F. Brush in Cleveland World.

If a man earned \$3 a day and worked 300 days a year he would have \$900. If he lived 1,000 years and didn't spend a cent he would only have \$900,000. Yet we see men who have \$1,000,000; and Cornelius Vanderbilt, who died recently, left \$100,000,000. He would have to live 100,000 years to earn this. Query: How did he get it?—Fog Horn.

## In Memoriam.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union 104, of Boston, Mass., Feb. 28, 1900:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed brother, James M. Hanrahan, and

Whereas, The intimate relations held by the deceased brother with the members of this union render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of the services which he has rendered to this local as a brother and as a man; be it

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Brother James M. Hanrahan with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the hope that his spirit is with those who are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world;

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted family our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in their affliction at the loss of one who was a devoted brother, a worthy son, and an upright man;

Resolved, That the charter of this body be draped for at least thirty days;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased brother;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Boston papers and also to the official journal of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and also become part of the regular minutes of Local Union 104 of Boston.

M. J. SHEEHAN,  
ALEX McDONALD,  
DAN McDONALD,

Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 98, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Philadelphia, Pa.:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our esteemed Bro. Robert S. Boyer, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence, honor and justice, always being friendly and brave; therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a union in brotherly love pay tribute to his wife and relatives by our deepest sympathy in their bereavement and commend them to God, to whose will we must all bow in humble submission; be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our deceased brother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of our local, a copy engrossed and presented to the wife of our deceased brother and a copy be sent for publication to the Electrical Worker.

W. C. FISHER,  
JOHN H. TEGLER,  
GEO. E. BRADDOCK,  
Com.

**THE SKILL OF THE CRAFT.**

Three human, gallant linemen, brave and true,  
Had made their perilous way up to the roof  
Of a great building, and, having nothing  
much to do  
They easy victims were, of the "thing"  
with the cloven hoof.

Half way it seemed, between the earth  
and sky,  
And far below them lay the sleepy town;  
They looked about and lo! they quickly spy  
Upon a window sill, some twelve feet  
down,  
Three bottles, filled with sparkling "silver  
foam."  
"Ho there! give me a piece of copper wire  
quick!"  
"I saw them first, I did," says wily Fred,  
"I'll get them first," says long-armed  
Dick.

And in about a half a minute,  
Yes, far less time than it takes me to tell,  
They'd fixed the wire, with a "slip-knot"  
in it  
And let it down unto the window, and with  
a lineman's skill  
Had caught, and drawn a bottle up, one,  
Then two, now three gleaming, amber  
"silver foam,"  
"Now put the 'emptys' back," says care-  
ful Gene;  
And so they swung them softly down,  
"far down"  
And left them on the window sill, unseen  
By mortal eye; but if the man who put  
them there to cool  
Regrets his loss, and fumes, and makes a  
hue and cry  
Tell him, to never leave a bottle, where  
any fool  
Lineman can see it, anywhere between the  
earth and sky.

MRS. MAE C. POST.

With compliments to No. 75.

**ELECTRIC CLOTH CUTTER.**

Cloth can be rapidly cut by a newly-  
patented implement, which has an electric  
motor suspended from the ceiling by  
balanced cords, with a gear wheel at the  
lower end of the vertical shaft to connect  
with a horizontal shaft, which carries the  
cutting disc in proximity to a shoe, sliding  
under the cloth as it is cut.

An electric sign to attract churchgoers  
has been placed in front of a Brooklyn  
edifice. It resembles the signs frequently  
seen on theatres, and, of course, is meant  
as an advertisement. Churches have ad-  
vertised in the daily newspapers and other  
publications for many years, but this is  
believed to be the first instance in which  
an electric sign has been used to attract  
attendants.

**TO OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN.**

By Joseph Mader, L. U. 102,  
Paterson, N. J.

Dear readers, how we all remember  
Of some deed done long ago;  
By some brave and noble hero  
Whose name has an immortal glow.  
But think we of those late day martyrs,  
How many gave their lives away  
That the public might have comfort  
And the night be light as day.

Think we of the countless orphans  
That those brave men left behind;  
Think we of the wives and mothers  
Always foremost in his mind.  
Do we think what he put up with  
Out in winter's rain and snow,  
Out on pole tops in the summer  
Underneath the sun's hot glow?

Think of those, and then think also  
Of the dangers lie concealed  
In the wires that he is handling  
And any time may be revealed.  
Think of him upon a pole top  
As happy a man as can be found;  
Think of him a minute after  
Lying lifeless on the ground.

Think you of the young wife waiting,  
Offering up for him a prayer  
That the God above would place him  
Under a guardian angel's care.  
Think of her who was so happy  
But a few short hours before,  
Pity her as she falls fainting  
At the news brought to the door.

Those, dear friends, are men forgotten,  
But brothers to them tribute pay  
By building a monument to their memory  
That is growing every day.  
Our telephones, our telegraphs,  
And electric lights of so much fame  
All contribute to a glorious  
Monument rising to their name.

**SHE WOULD NOT INITIATE HIM.**

When Mr. Widgeon came home last  
evening the first thing he said to his es-  
teemed wife was: "Mary, I have joined  
the Knights of Labor."

She glared at him with an expression  
that set his teeth on edge as she cried:

"A Knight of Labor?"

"Why, Mary, it is a noble organization,  
and—"

"Yes, I know it is; and now I suppose  
you'll be a walking delegate or chairman  
of the committee on boycotting, while I'm  
hustling around in the back yard trying to  
raise enough wood to make a fire.

"I know you, Widgeon. In my mind's  
eye I see you addressing a large and en-  
thusiastic audience and telling your breth-  
ren in toil to shake off the giant grasp of  
monopoly that is crushing the life blood  
from them; but you don't tell them how  
your wife is down cellar wrestling with a  
barrel of apples or trying to plug up the

hole in the stove pipe with a piece of  
carpet.

"I can imagine you filling the air with  
eloquence about the horny-handed work-  
ingman and an injury to one being the  
concern of all; but I can't fancy you nail-  
ing a few shingles on the roof to keep the  
water from soaking the flour barrel.

"I want you to understand, John Henry,  
that you have joined enough Orders al-  
ready, you are High Key Bearer of the  
Knights of Gambrinus, Past Grand Chief-  
tain of the Royal Order of Free Lunch  
Hunters, Supreme Chancellor of the  
Ancient Order of Dog Catchers, and I  
don't know what else.

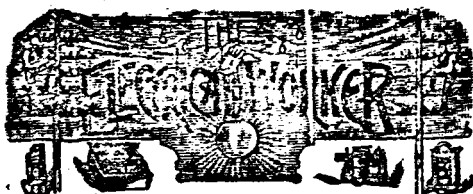
"I have seen you carrying banners and  
drilling and attending conventions until  
my soul is weary; and unless you stay at  
home and act as Right Worthy Grand  
Chief Coal Carrier and Woodsawyer, you  
will think you are married to an equinoxial  
cyclone.

"Just drop that book of constitutions  
and by-laws, and trot down to the butch-  
er's for a few spare ribs, or there will be  
about a dozen lodges in mourning to-  
morrow, and something else will be Grand  
Key Bearer."

And Mr. Widgeon smiled in a husky  
voice and obeyed.—Exchange.

It is not those who make the greatest  
noise in the world that accomplish the  
most for the Order. "An empty wagon  
rattles the loudest." People of great force  
and strong will are not forever asserting  
themselves. The one who silently resolves  
and watchfully waits is sure to conquer in  
the end. Bluster is not courage, noise is  
not power, and a rude and domineering  
manner is no evidence of determination or  
force of character. Many people make a  
mistake just here. They are so afraid  
that they will be considered weak that  
they adopt an abrupt, on-the-defensive  
air, which is very unpleasant. Gentleness  
is no bar to forcefulness. The man who  
has the most force in his home, in the  
community and in the Order, is usually  
the calm, gentle man who silently works  
out his plans and patiently waits for them  
to develop.

"The true measure of a man is not the  
street, nor the amen corner in the church,  
nor the forum or lodge room, but at his  
own fireside. There he lays aside his  
mask and you may learn whether he is an  
imp or an angel, king or cur, hero or hum-  
bug. I care not what the world says of  
him, whether it crowns him with a jewel  
or pelts him with stale eggs. I care not a  
copper what his reputation may be. If his  
children dread his home coming and his  
wife swallows her heart every time she  
asks him for anything, he is a fraud of the  
first water, even though he prays till he is  
black in the face and howls hallelujah un-  
til he shakes the hills."—Class Struggle.



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 " 5 . . . . . No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.  
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 " 31 . . . . . No. 113, Colorado Springs, Col.

**THE HENRY BILL.**

The bill introduced by Assemblyman Henry in the interest of the contractors in the electrical business and to the detriment of our craft has been killed. We wish to thank the Assemblymen who stood by us and hope in the near future to have their support and vote on a bill that will benefit the wiremen and contractors alike.

THE Press Secretary of Local 20 refers to a conversation he overheard between two men, one of whom was a scab. He said his name would not appear as he was a friend of —. Here the P. S. failed to give the name of him who was the friend. Let us say that no man's name will be kept out of the Electrical Worker,

through former friendship. We know of nothing that would cause us to sever our friendship any quicker than scabbing a job. The Press Secretaries can rest assured the names will appear as they send them in, no matter who is friend or foe.

THE reports submitted in the Worker each month are for the month previous, not the month the paper is issued as some suppose. All moneys paid to the G. S. during March appear in this issue. April receipts will appear in May, and so on.

**THE UNION LABEL.**

We are greatly surprised to receive circulars sent out in the interest of organized labor without the printers' little emblem of right and justice on them. Our attention was called to a letter from one of the largest labor organizations some time ago without the label. We certainly cannot accomplish the desired ends by doing business in this way, as we cannot ask a merchant to give all his printing to a union firm when the very sheet he receives this request on has no label. We should encourage all labels, as they go a great ways toward building up organized labor. Central bodies should refuse to pay any attention to circulars or letter heads without the label. This will, perhaps, wake up some of these fellows who are out for their own craft alone.

**DON'T "KNOCK."**

A local often has a checkered career; for a long while it seems to flourish and then a period of decline sets in. The officers become disheartened and in many cases give up the fight. In other cases an individual commonly known as the knocker gets in and one full-fledged, up-to-date, Simon-pure knocker can do more harm in ten days than ten men can do good in as many weeks. The knocker comes to meeting and sits still. No matter what may be brought up for discussion, he keeps his mouth shut tighter than a clam, but he is just laying in his little stock for the next week. Oh, how he will go at some poor fellow behind his back, of course, for knockers generally do business behind people's backs. He keeps this up until the poor victim who has not become hardened in the movement becomes discouraged and is missed at meetings, then the knocker selects another victim and wears him out and the local goes down, down, until there is hardly a quorum in the hall on meeting night. Our advice is don't "knock," wait until you have evidence enough to convict your man, then go at him and show no mercy until his crooked deeds are exposed, but come pretty near knowing you have a case or the other fellow may beat you. We should allow for mistakes in all walks of life, but

crooked actions never. It is the most singular thing the more crooked the man the more he has to say of others' crookedness. Not many years ago there was a certain man elected to a position and his first move was to "knock" everyone through the entire movement. This was wrong, that was wrong; he was going to have things right or he would know the reason. Not many months after that same knocker skipped by the light of the moon and carried with him over \$200 of his fellow workingmen's money. Of course he should never have been given the chance, or any other man. Every man who handles others' money should be bonded. Then the knockers can "knock." All the poor victim has to say is I am bonded; if there is anything wrong my bond holds good. The knocker is seldom up-to-date, generally behind the times and should be treated with silent contempt by all men, for it is dollars to a cough drop if he tells you something about some poor fellow he will tell the poor fellow something about you. Make him face his man. This will bring the knocker around quicker than any other way. Of all things detestible it is the knocker. As a rule, he greets you with a smile and warm shake of the hand, glad to meet you; the next thing you know he has his hammer out. The writer has become so hardened in the movement he don't mind it and Mr. Knocker, if you must knock, drive away at some old veteran in the movement. Take the editor of a labor paper or some fellow who has become knocker proof, but spare the sensitive fellow who is doing all he can to promote the interests of his fellow man. Let him alone, and if you have anything to say why spit it out like a man; and when some fellow happens to be going up the incline of life, stand ready with a handful of sand to sprinkle on the plank to prevent him from slipping; don't stand with a chunk of tallow waiting for him to make a slip and then commence smearing it on to hurry him down. Attend meetings. Don't "knock." Lend your aid, help make the organization a success. If things don't move right, make them. If the officers don't suit, put in others; do anything but "knock."

**PHUNNYGRAPHS.**

This earth was made to work upon,  
 Its beauties to be admired;  
 The Worker phunnygraphs will liven you  
 up  
 Whenever you are tired.

Electricity is a great thing when it makes a Dutchman dance a highland fling.

Lineman—This is a great job, Pat, you have arms around you while working.

Pat (green ground hand)—Yes, begorra, but look out they don't stick pins in you.

Insulator—I feel half dead to-day.

Pin—I thought you had a glassy stare.

Pole—My arms feel awfully tired.

Lineman—Take some iron for a brace  
(puts on two).

Tie wire—You seem to think a great  
deal of me.

Insulator—Yes, I am all wrapped up in  
you.

Live wire—What do you think of my  
tie pin?

Insulator—I am quite stuck on it.

Mistress returning from shopping—Why,  
Bridget, where is the telephone?

Bridget—Sure mum, the lady across the  
way sent her girl over to see if she could  
use it and I let her have it, but I had the  
devil's own job getting it off the wall.

### THE KID.

### Treasurer's Report for March.

Postage . . . . .	\$15 00
Death claim No. 90, Frank Ross . . .	100 00
Thos. Wheeler, exp. Pgh. strike . . .	22 30
C. E. McNemar, funeral exp. of M. A. Spurgeon . . . . .	90 00
F. H. Russell, exp. Pgh. strike . . .	37 72
Ed Cory, org. No. 13, El Paso . . .	15 00
W. G. Spinning, printing E. W. and paper . . . . .	230 00
W. G. Spinning, printing supplies for L. U. . . . .	12 50
W. G. Spinning, printing supplies for G. O. . . . .	2 75
Death claim No. 91, Wm. F. Call . . .	100 00
Thos. Wheeler, exp. in Chicago . . .	50 00
Scrantom, W. & Co., office sup- plies . . . . .	4 28
Telegrams . . . . .	4 50
F. C. Sprague, soliciting adv. . . .	60 00
Death claim No. 92, J. M. Hanra- han . . . . .	100 00
Thos. Wheeler, exp. to Buffalo and Rochester . . . . .	36 16
H. W. Sherman, salary for March . .	100 00
M. K. Clinton, salary for March . .	30 00
E. M. Parry, salary for March . . .	20 00
Express . . . . .	19 08
Mailing Electrical Worker . . . . .	10 00
Exchange . . . . .	2 20
J. R. Bourne, seals . . . . .	14 00
P. H. Wissinger, org. Canada . . .	198 69
	\$1,274 18
Rec'd from Grand Secretary . . .	\$1,950 75
Expenses for March . . . . .	1,274 18
Gain for month . . . . .	676 57
Interest on money in bank to Jan. 1, 1900 . . . . .	65 37
Amount of money in bank March 1, 1900 . . . . .	7,114 05
Amount to credit of Brotherhood	\$7,855 99
P. H. WISSINGER,	
Grand Treasurer.	

### Secretary's Report for March.

No.	P.C.	Init.	Sup.	E. B.	Total						
1	\$9 80	\$6 00	\$5 00		\$20 80	88	2 70	6 00	1 50		10 20
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"In union there is strength." A local whose members are united in zeal and actuated by our principles is a bulwark strong and powerful: an army invincible against which the enemies of truth cannot prevail. But "a house divided against itself will fall." Therefore, be united, earnest and forgiving. Let not the few days of this life be filled with petty heart-burnings, that will make a blank in eternity and fill the cycles of the future with regret. They are "trifles thin as air," and do not deserve a place in the heart of a member of our Order.

Every new member initiated infuses new life in the local. Take a live local in which all the brothers are pulling together in unity and striving to get new members and where they have impressive initiations every night, you will always find a full representation present to carry on the business of the local. The knowledge that the local is making new accessions, and the reminder of the obligations taken on joining, will make better members of those attending, and they will endeavor to be present at every meeting.

## OUR LOCALS.

### Local Union No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As No. 3 was late in the February issue and did not appear at all in the March issue, with the exceptions of the "Sleeping Brother," I will try and get a few lines in in time this month.

The letter from the "Sleeping Brother" didn't have much effect on the rest of the sleeping brothers, but they managed to bring up a few applications. There were three or four last night and one candidate initiated.

Bros. Harve Smith and P. Foley of No. 4 are working here. Kid Rivers and Shea, also of No. 4, passed through about three weeks ago. Bro. Ed. Hamilton, working for the Kinlock Tel. Co., fell and broke one leg; this is the third or fourth time he has fallen. It seems impossible to kill him, for he is getting along nicely.

Ed. Blanke of the Kinlock fell from a tree one week ago, striking on his head; they say he has concussion of the brain and cannot live.

H. Jarrett fell from a pole about two weeks ago. He fell 40 feet, struck on his head and was killed instantly.

Bro. Ed. Hunter is running a saloon at 1701 S. Broadway. Any Brother wanting a good drink can find it at the above number.

The Leckner Contracting Co., of Chicago, has the ten-year arc lighting contract. They say that they will build a plant right away. It will keep them busy to get in shape by September.

The street car employees have whipped the companies into line without a strike, the companies recognize the union and reinstated all men who were discharged for belonging to the union.

Now, brothers of No. 3, see if you cannot attend meetings once or twice a month at least. As I cannot think of any more to write, will close, wishing all brothers success.

Fraternally yours,

J. T. RUNDEL,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, La., March 12, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Brother workers, having been elected secretary pro. tem. last Wednesday evening and given work enough for two men, during the three hours between 8 o'clock and 11 p. m., I will now try and finish up my "unfinished business" by writing this letter to the Worker (by Pres. Cronin's order) and one later on to Bro. Wheeler.

Work here is very quiet in comparison to what it was last winter at this time. The Carrollton Street R. R. put on a gang

of workmen the fourth of this month. The "Merchants Light" has had a gang of linemen employed but laid them all off to-day except one man, and he will only have three or four days work at the most. The greatest catastrophe that has happened to electrical workers of this city was the sale of the People's Telephone Co. to the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co. Out of a force of men large enough to construct and keep in repair a plant of three to four thousand capacity only three linemen were kept and only about as many inside men. The Cumberland has about its usual number of men and says it is going to do considerable country work this summer. There are six or seven idle men in the city. As the weather was getting warm, most of the boys started on their annual trip north as soon as the People's lay off occurred. Our union, however, has not suffered as much as one would anticipate, as we have between sixty-five and eighty members in good standing. I suppose, though, as the traveling cards given out expire we will have less. I am sorry to have to write of the death of Bro. W. F. Call, a member of No. 9 of Chicago, Ill., which occurred last Monday evening at 4 o'clock, from Bright's disease of the kidneys. Local No. 4 received a letter from his brother, Jno. Call, thanking the members for all the attention they had given his brother and our brother, and the lodge drew up the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst, by the hand of death, our loyal brother, Wm. F. Call, be it

Resolved, That a letter of sympathy be sent to his bereaved relatives; be it also

Resolved, That the charter of No. 4 be draped in mourning for thirty days; and also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Worker, the official organ of our organization, to be printed.

Well, as this is about all I can think of, I will turn on the "night bell circuit" so that the roomers on each side of my room can get up and walk the floor. They say I snore.

Fraternally,

JNO. H. COUSINS,

Sec. Pro. Tem.

### Local Union No. 5.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We had the honor of a visit from our friend and worthy Grand President last Wednesday evening and we were very glad to have him with us. We have been taking in new members right along and I am glad to say that all of the members are working. Some have been a little careless about paying up their dues, but we have at last got a remedy for that. All

of the members of No. 5 who work for contractors have to show their working card every Saturday to the contractor he works for. If he has not got any he has to get one, and it is a good plan for it keeps the members who are in the habit of getting back in their dues in line.

All of the contractors are busy. We have some good contracting firms and when any big jobs are going on they make every effort to keep the work here. The Pittsburg & Lake Erie depot, one of the largest wiring jobs ever done in Pittsburg, which was bid on by some of the largest electrical contractors in the country, is being done by the Carter Electric Co., of Pittsburg. It is a very good thing that the contractors of Pittsburg hustle to keep the work here; it gives the home men work all the time.

A few members of the Brotherhood not members of No. 5, have had a hammer out against us, and by the amount of knocking they are doing, it must be a twenty-pound sledge. It looks as if these knockers are jealous of the success No. 5 is meeting with without their aid. Because they cannot run things to suit themselves, they are sore. Instead of helping us as they should, being members of the same Brotherhood, they are plugging against us. I think, though, before we are through we can show them where they are wrong.

The term of the business agent, Mr. Welsh, expired last Friday evening, and we elected a new one. Our former agent gave good satisfaction, but Mr. J. S. Haskins beat him for the place this time. We find that the business agent is a good thing.

The wiremen of Pittsburg are getting along better now than they ever did before. All of our meetings are well attended and most of the brothers take a great interest in the meetings; they see the value of working for each other's interest.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. B.,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Cal., April 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, for the first time as press sec'y, and, as it is, I will do the best I can in furnishing you with the news of our city. I guess, brother, you think No. 6 changes press sec'y pretty often, but owing to circumstances Bro. Drendel who wrote last month, had to resign the position, sorry to say, under very sad difficulties, but I'll try not to worry you long. This leaves No. 6 right. Things are kind of quiet, but the brothers seem to keep going just the same, but cannot help the advancement of labor at present. The carpenters and paper hangers went out yesterday, also the stair builders, so it leaves things quiet for the



electrical work. I will also state that the first of July the brothers here go out for \$3.00 per day and 8 hours, instead of \$2.50 and 10 hours; this leaves No. 6 O. K. We have about 120 members against about 40 last year at this time, and the result is things are getting so warm that they are coming on by fours and fives every meeting night. I will state to brothers coming this way: be sure and bring a paid-up card with you and we will be glad to see you. I also wish to say that after the first of July the initiation will be \$10.00 instead of \$5.00, and apprentices are excluded altogether.

There is nothing rushing at present, the J. D. Spreckele, known as the Independent Light, is putting in some underground work, but they won't be ready to put any juice through before next August. The Pacific Bell is doing some rebuilding as usual, as are the rest of the companies.

Well, brother, as this will worry you long enough, I will close the circuit for this time.

Faternally,

H. CAMPTON.

Press Sec. pro tem.

P. S.—Should this reach Bro. Bushwell, once a member of No. 6, we would like very much to hear from him on business pertaining to the union.

#### Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The spring is on and the ripping of rills and the sly peeking of green buds, tell us that nature has awakened from her frosty slumber and the big wheel of business begins to turn slowly with a good outlook of more rapidity before Jack Frost visits us again.

I have not much to say this month, as I am like the rest of No. 7's members, sad a heart for the loss of our faithful Bro. Harry Payne. This great misfortune happened a week ago while he and Bro. Sheridan were working on a pole changing arms and wires to a new pole which set alongside, when the pole broke without any warning, throwing both men to the ground. Payne received a fractured skull and never gained consciousness, while Sheridan got out of it with a broken elbow. We held a special meeting the following night to take action on Bro. Payne's death and these resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Almighty, in His omnipotence, has suddenly called from our midst our esteemed and worthy brother, Harry W. Payne, and

Whereas, The sudden removal of such a brother from our number casts a shadow and leaves a vacancy which will be deeply felt; be it

Resolved, That we express the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow workmen and sympathy for the brother's loss and still greater sympathy for those

nearest and dearest to him; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for the space of thirty days, and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to his bereaved relatives, published in the official journal of the Brotherhood and in the daily papers of this city.

D. B. APGREEN,  
JOE MACGILIVRAY,  
C. A. SAMPSON,  
JAMES A. DOCEY,  
G. T. MACGILIVRAY,  
Committee.

#### Local Union No. 12.

Pueblo, Col., April 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As we are a new local, having just organized, we did not send in an article for the Worker last month, but will have one every month after this. We closed our charter with twenty members and five applications on hand. Our first meeting was on January 8th, when we formed a temporary organization; met again on the 15th and appointed a committee on by-laws, etc. Feb. 12th we sent for a charter but it was delayed in the mails nearly a month. March 2nd we elected the following officers.

Pres.—R. E. Middagh.

V. Pres.—Thomas Sullivan.

R. Sec.—Albert Fames.

Fin. Sec.—John W. White.

Press Sec.—P. T. Bammes.

Treas.—Fred Phillips.

Foreman—Matt. J. Wall.

Trustees—Ed. Sullivan, Harry Little, H. A. Talbot.

Inspectors—Ed. Seaman, Syd. Hall.

We have a good local started for so small a town, every member is enthusiastic and before long we will have every electrician in town. Although we are one of the youngest organizations here, we have already been asked to lend our moral support to two labor organization, the barbers' union and the typographical union. Pueblo is getting to be a strong union town in spite of the efforts of one of the papers to make it otherwise, and will not be long until all the labor here is organized. We have rented a nice hall and will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each Month. Will write more next time.

Faternally yours,

P. T. BAMMES,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Tex., April 5th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I feel safe in saying that for so young a local in a small city No. 13 is booming. Last night was meeting night and all of our 17 brothers were present, full of life and enthusiasm, as is the case every meeting night with the exception of two or three

who are wiring out of this place on the different telegraph lines. Work is still a little dull with us but we all manage to keep at work most of the time. I take pleasure in saying that most of the other trades in the city are falling into line with considerable energy and we bid fair to being able to boast of a trades council in the near future. Brother John C. Darnell, of Chicago, who is here in the interest of the cigar makers, entertained the local with a very interesting talk last evening. The boys all look forward with interest for the Worker.

Our local contains members who have had from six weeks to five years experience in electrical work in old Mexico, should anyone wish to hear anything from the old Republic.

Faternally,

H. BURKE,

Press. Sec.

#### Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the newspaper talent of No. 14 seems to have been out of town the last month, I will endeavor to portray the proceedings so far as possible on this occasion. Our trouble with the Federal Telephone Co. has been satisfactorily settled, and at the present time they are hiring union men only. To-day one of our union foremen, with a few aides-de-camp, was sent out to take charge of a plant at McKee's Rock. The consequence was that only 15 of the miscellaneous pieces of masculinity known as scabs were sent down the line talking to themselves. The poor specimens of humanity thought to seek refuge by making complaint to the superintendent of construction, J. D. McQueen, but they were up against the real thing, for Mc is a union man at heart, and said, "Boys, go up to the office and get your money." You had ought to see the bunch that is putting in the plant now. Just imagine Maurice Donoghue coming down the line with an armful of telephone poles and J. A. McCannon with his pockets full of cross-arms, lag-bolts, etc., and Jno. McRay, Smith, Clark and the rest of the push, going up the timber with two on each side of their belt, tacking them on. Supt. McQueen says it is quite a contrast to see the union boys work instead of the bunch of Chinooks he had heretofore, that would try to get up a pole and could not make it unless there were handles on it.

Work is fairly good these days. Our old friend Joseph Krotzer, of the Western Union Telegraph Co., is hiring all the good union men he can get his optics on. Also our friend Ted Peeckes is putting on nothing but union men. I want to say right here, that while we have had to contend with a few scabs, the bunch proper in Pittsburg is O. K. Well, all is well that ends

well, and you will see Pittsburg a strictly union town ere long.

Local Union No. 51 is still battling nobly with the Schoen Pressed Steel Car Co. They are a gallant set of fighters and I trust they will land at victory point O. K.

Nuff sed.

BULL DOG.

We will give you list of the men who scabbed during our strike with the Federal Telephone Co. in the next issue.

#### Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., April 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last meeting the following officers were elected: Pres.—Walter A. Gross; Fin. Sec.—Geo. H. Roehes, and myself as press sec'y, and I will endeavor to keep the boys posted. Well, after several walking matches up and down Newark Ave., trying all the different halls, we have settled at Humboldt Hall, 186 Newark Ave. Any brother from any neighboring local wishing to visit us will not have to go to fire headquarters to learn our whereabouts. Our meetings open any time from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. During the interval we are entertained by some of the brothers. At the last meeting, Bros. Sweeny and Duncan engaged in a two-round bout, Bro. Benjamin gave us an imitation of a ventriloquist and Bro. Pete Sarenson gave us an imitation of a vice-president giving his charge at initiations.

Our men are all back again to work in their original positions for the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., and the bud that they were going to nip looks now as though it was in full blossom, as we have from four to five to initiate at each meeting and our local is flourishing. The boys are all at work though business in this part is not brisk, but just enough to keep all hands busy. There is one question that a great many of our members cannot solve and that is they join our local with the understanding that we are a fraternal body, and if so why No. 3 of New York should establish the barrier that they have. In the January issue on page five, first column, it says they had no fight against any member of the I. B. E. W., that the agents allowed any member with a paid-up card to work in New York. Now they tell us that any member of any local within a radius of twenty-five miles wishing to work for a New York contractor must deposit twenty-five dollars with his card before he can do so. We have tested the case and, sure enough, their agents called off one of our brothers from a building in New York and this brother was our delegate to the building trade union. Now we understand what the object is, but we don't want any explanation on that question. What the members are kicking about is "Are we a fraternal

brotherhood?" If so we want fraternity from Local No. 1 to Local 105—that is from St. Louis to Hamilton, Ont. I would like to hear from some of our brothers from our neighboring locals on this question. I don't see the scabs names appear in the Worker who worked during our late trouble with the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. So I enclose them that they may adorn the list. One of them, Frank Marsdorf, is the object who belonged to our local and was the first to stand up and agree to go out and the first to scab.

Fraternally yours,

E. A.,

Press Sec.

P. S.—I forgot to state that Bro. King gave a Pink Tea last Wednesday to the treasurer and trustees of our local.

#### Local Union No. 16.

Evansville, Ind., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here we are again, and not as near to the goal as we would like to be, although we are having much success, to say the least. We drove eight new steps in our pole last month, which happened not to be a Maypole, but was enjoyed, and the boys are ready to commence driving again if there is any to be done.

Although this has been a very poor union town, we are gaining nicely, and I think if the boys keep it up we will finally land them all. Our foreman is a union man, and that is what it takes. We have a good lot of men that I think will stand the test. There is hardly any work here at the present time, but the prospects are good for an increase in about five or six weeks. If you want any of this you better have your ticket, or you might get ditched.

You read a great deal of late about the bull pen in Idaho, where the government of this (so called) free country penned up a lot of good, honest union men. It would be a great deal better if they would pen up a lot of these scabs that are only fit to infest the country and deprive an honest man of a livelihood.

To-morrow night we have Eugene V. Debs to speak at Evans hall, and I hope every union man in the town will be there.

Well, as it is getting late, will blow out the light.

Yours fraternally,

KID.

#### Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., April 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A few of the expected changes have taken place during the past week in The City Lighting plant; Capt. John Daly succeeds Mr. Donaldson as chief engineer and Mr. Steele as electrician. The office of secretary is filled by Arthur Gurien. Bro. Hatch has been mentioned by the daily

papers as being the successor of Mr. Steele, but as the commission has seen fit to merge the position of electrician into that of chief engineer or general superintendent, it would appear as though their prophesies had been forecast in a March horoscope. Several former employees of the lighting plant have already sought pastures new. Others seem to think the grim reaper is abroad seeking victims among those who have failed to become members of the I. B. E. W. You may be sure no soothsayer of 17 is peddling any consolation. Several members of 17 lost their jobs at Pak. Davis & Co., because of their refusal to work Sundays for single time. Changes in the plant of this firm, which cannot be made during the week, necessitates Sunday work. A change in heads of department brought the work under one Clark, who at once changed the order of things by refusing to pay more than single time for Sunday. Two of the members of 17 on a Saturday evening refused to work on Sunday under these terms, and were at once informed by Clark that any man not working Sunday could consider himself out of a job. This is one of the firms who run their establishment on such a model plan, furnishing hot tea and coffee free (?) to their employees and firing them if they should go to church on Sunday or otherwise absent themselves if wanted on the Lord's day.

Chas. Dobel was killed while doing work on the Rapid railway system. He is said to have received 3500 volts. No inquest was deemed necessary as in all probability the fact of no competent person to direct work if brought to the public's notice might cause remarks.

The business agent of 17 has been established at 128 Shelby St. As there are no keys to any of the locks, office hours are unnecessary. Nothing has as yet been heard from the contractors regarding their agreement with 17, but as business has been very brisk of late they have overlooked it. The boys are not worrying, as all predictions point to fine fishing this spring. At our next meeting it is expected to work the initiation in a slightly different manner, which will make it more interesting to the one being initiated.

Mr. Editor, kindly omit the scab list as furnished by 17 of those who scabbed in the Bell and Detroit strikes. Most of the boys have seen the error of their ways and are either in or coming, and Billy Burke is dead.

M., Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 19.

Atchinson, Kas., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with a feeling of regret that I read my last month's Worker. I always regret seeing any personal feelings crop out, it is bound to work injury to the Brotherhood.



A certain local not over two million miles from Atchinson is having a spasm over the absence of a law to prevent a suspended brother from going into a local elsewhere, before squaring up with his old local. I think if the worthy P. S. will read over his copy of the constitution he will find a ruling that will govern his case.

According to my understanding of the rule, if a member's arrearage exceeds the initiation fee (or if he is one year in arrears) he is to pay a sum equal to the initiation fee and be acted upon the same as a new member. That covers all of the points as far as I can see and I don't think that any additional legislation will facilitate matters any. According to the article in the Worker that I refer to I believe that certain members are trying to bring in a little personal spite. If a suspended member was to light in their town, was an A. I man and copped out a good job would they stop to correspond with his old local or are they fair minded enough up there to follow that article on page 30 of last month's Worker. I refer to the article in the last column. That I think is the only rule necessary for any union to follow—the general welfare of the order first, last and always.

No. 19 is still progressing. We have added a few new lights to our circuit and expect to connect up one or two more. Our goat is fed regularly on pole steps, old cut out boxes and broken insulators, and now and then he is treated to a dose of the magneto to loosen up his jumping muscles.

Bro. Ed. Wentworth is home from Concordia, laid up with rheumatism, but we hope he will pull through before long.

Bros. Prof. Buck Wagner and Dr. Walter have been giving him treatment with a medical coil and incidentally making sheep's eyes at his pretty daughters.

Prospects of steady work here for this summer are fair, but I wouldn't advise any worthy brother making \$16.50 a day and living on easy street to apply for his time and come out here to work; however, if you do drop off here you'll not find a gang of "home guards." Just ask Bros. Kid Rivers and Jack Conlon, they passed through here a week or so ago, and I don't think they have forgotten it yet.

In next month's Worker I expect to say a few words about our State Society of Labor and Industry. At the last convention held in February there were about 225 delegates, representing about 240,000 regularly organized and affiliated men, and this out of a possible 400,000. What state can say ditto to that.

HUGO, P. S.

#### Local Union No. 20.

Greater New York, April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since our last letter to the Worker, No. 20 has made considerable headway in the

shape of getting new members. A cyclone struck terror into the hearts of the faithful and drove them down to our hall to the number of from 6 to 8 each meeting night; all good men and practical electricians, the kind of members No. 20 likes to see and receive into our grand circuit. No. 20 is in good working order at present, only one or two grounds on the circuit, but with the aid of our man Gisabo I think we will be patched up in a week or two and rank as a first-class local of the I. B. E. W.

Now, brothers, if you have not got the new pass-word come around and see us as we are still doing business at 360 Fulton St., and get the instructions, for it is a corker. I wish to correct an error which appeared in last month's Worker in regard to the men who scabbed during the lock-out with the New York and New Jersey Telephone. It was not in Newark as appeared in the heading of the list, it was in Greater New York, inclosed you will find the correct list. As we have failed to see the list from Local 87, I would like to quote an instance which happened while I was riding over the D. L. & W., since our trouble with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co. My attention was attracted to the conversation of two men in the electrical business. Who they were I could not find out, but it appeared that one of them was a scab who said he would not join the I. B. E. W., as he could keep on working as his name would not be published in the Electrical Worker, also he was a personal friend of——, with that they dropped the conversation and looked across where I was seated. This is not intended as a personal matter. I think it should be known to the Brotherhood. We received only 53 members last month. Please forward about 100 as No. 20 is growing rapidly in membership.

Fraternally yours,

M. J. FARRELL,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 21.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Philadelphia, April 9, 1900.

To the Brothers of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers throughout the land. It affords me great pleasure to let you know how No. 21 is doing. We are getting along very nicely with about 200 linemen on our books, and expect to get a good many more in the near future, through the efforts of Bros. Jackson and Ballard made by gnashing their teeth and wearing out shoe leather. Bro. Jackson was on the street for two weeks, and wore out two pairs of shoes and one pair half-soled. Some of the boys who are not in it are gradually thinking the same as we do, but with some our power is not strong enough. I think we will have to get the Merritt Wrecking Company to pull them in. It was ever thus, some working people

cry and state their grievances, yet when the opportunity is presented to improve they resist it and keep on crying the same old way, keeping clear of the members of the Brotherhood. They may some day see their fault, like a man running around in the snow in his bare feet, catch cold and die of disease. This is a disease, but not physically.

Bro. Jackson was at Atlantic City at the new telephone office and the superintendent asked him if he was working. He said yes; are you looking for linemen? The superintendent said let's have a drink, and Bro. Jackson made known his mission. He told Bro. Jackson that he would demand that any man working for that company join the Brotherhood or get up the pike, but all who were working there gave the high ball, and no lineman can work in that town unless he has a good card. In good standing, \$2.75 a day and full time is what they get, and the job is O. K.

A good word for William McFadden, local 21. He stands 815 Girard avenue as nobly and full of ambition as Napoleon did on the field of Waterloo, the battle of 1812, with lots of officers but no soldiers. If a battle was to be fought to-morrow, we would have to send pickets out to find if our men were dead or alive, as some of the soldiers have not been in camp since they enlisted in the Brotherhood. In the minds of far seeing people we can't see that they are as fully equipped at target practice as those who practice once or twice a month, and about thirty practice every Thursday night. Now, fellow brothers, take this as a warning. You know when you took the obligation what it said. No one has any excuse for staying away any more than two meeting nights unless sick and disabled. If you think you will have to stand up come and you will find everything in good shape and be comfortably seated on fine soft cushions, listening to the ideas and views of refined gentlemen.

The local has adopted a law requiring all linemen of the International Brotherhood to wear a union button on their coats at their work. If you have none come to the lodge and get one. Try and come next meeting night, as the time is getting short when the worm that was tread upon will turn, and be with the trades people on May 1st. Your duty is here.

Bro. Porick, one of the pickets, met with a bereavement in the loss of a child. He has a very sick wife also but managed to get to the lodge to attend to duty.

Hello, brothers traveling! keep away from Philadelphia, as the light companies have lots of work forced on them by the city. That is one way of winning a point. When men are not plentiful they cannot rush the work and get it done before we make our demand.

Bro. Mackey of the Southern Electric

Light was hurt but is getting along very nicely. If I have missed any brothers who are sick and disabled excuse me, for at the time of writing this document I only had an hour to compose and write it, and there is where the mistake lies. Bro. Dick Dubois is working at Atlantic City, but we would sooner have him up here for the next game of football.

Yours,  
W. H. S.,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 22.

Omaha, Neb., April 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Last evening, at the meeting of the Building and Trades Council of Omaha and vicinity, the matter of the conduit work, which has been in controversy between the electrical workers and the plumbers of Omaha, was, I am glad to say, after many hot debates, decided in our favor. We consider this a grand victory, as it is of international importance.

This conduit question was sprung in Omaha by the plumbers merely as a starter, to try and monopolize that branch of the trade in all cities of the United States in the near future. I trust all the secretaries and members of the International Brotherhood will read carefully the data enclosed herewith. I wish you would also please publish same in line with this letter. Of course it is quite lengthy, and I trust you will not think we are imposing upon the space allotted us in our valuable journal, but as this is of great importance to all electrical workers, I shall have to request you to publish same.

At our meeting on March 28th there appeared a man seeking alms. He claimed to have once belonged to the union in New York city. He gave the number of the union as 48 or 60. He said he was a member way back in the early nineties. We sent a committee out to examine the man, and although they did not consider he was deserving, from a good union-man's standpoint, they recommended that we take up a collection among the members present, and secure enough money for the party that he might be able to get a bed, supper and breakfast. We did by him as we would do by any individual for the sake of humanity.

At the last meeting in March of the Building and Trades Council of Omaha and vicinity, there was a motion put and carried to the effect that the electrician and bricklayer who worked on a job in Bemis Park, which had been declared scab, be fined \$10, and that Local Union No. 22 and the Bricklayers' Union should see that said fine was paid to the local Building and Trades Council.

The Metz Brewery job has been let at last, the Wolfe-Lovett Construction Co. receiving the same. Now this job is, I consider, the main point in controversy be-

tween the plumbers and the electricians. The plumbers, having several men out of employment, decided it would be a good thing to catch the Metz Brewery job, knowing that the Metz Brewing Co. would not dare to have any difficulty with union labor, as it would be a death knell to their staple article, of which union labor consumes a goodly quantity. Now, I am quite certain that the electrical workers here will be able to handle the conduit work on the Metz Brewery or any job which may arise in the future, and I hope the plumbers are convinced that Local Union No. 22 is not the infant that they have been in the habit of saying it was. I think in the future the plumbers and all other trades in Omaha and vicinity will have great respect for the members of Local Union No. 22.

We have also had considerable trouble regarding helpers in this vicinity. Now, this fight against boys coming into the union is not of a personal nature, but heretofore we have been very loose in our method of allowing apprentices innumerable to join our ranks, and now at this late date we find a first-class union man and electrical mechanic walking the streets, who, if it were not for these boys, would be employed, and the journeymen of Omaha, instead of being turned down at every point, would be in demand. Now, I trust that no foreman or electrical worker, or employer, will have the nerve in the future to try to play hide and seek with the union, and work in these boys, or we shall get a vigilant fight after all such cases, and if I hear, or any other member hears of a union man working with a non-union helper, or non-union journeyman, charges will be preferred at once, and the penalty will be served.

Bro. John Erickson still retains his laurels as the champion anchor in the game of tag called tug of war. He defeated a local giant by the name of Dan Baldwin. This will surprise many, but it is true. Baldwin is the man who claimed to be invincible. He has a record as a wrestler and all-around prize fighter, but big John is like Sampson. He can pull a pole out of the ground without loosening the dirt. He can also pull 4-0 cable in two while taking out the kinks. All the boys know big John, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is as popular as the Boers' long Tom.

I wish, in behalf of Local Union No. 22, to thank all the secretaries of the different unions, and in fact every union which assisted us by writing letters regarding conduit work in their special localities. Without these letters and the information contained therein, our committee would have been in a hard way to fight the union against the strength which the plumbers' union have. Should any local in the future need any information or assistance pertaining to conduit work, Local Union No. 22 would be only too glad to give same,

and we will put ourselves out to write long letters on the subject.

I do not hear anything more about the decrease in hours for the linemen. I am surprised that the boys are allowing themselves to be intimidated in this manner. I consider it an easy matter for the linemen of Omaha, and most especially the electric-light linemen, to secure eight hours, and if you do not get it you have no one to blame but yourselves. The matter has been thoroughly explained to you, and by this time you ought to know where you stand. Were I to advise you, I would say, get those eight hours which you have been hammering about for the past year or two.

Yours fraternally,  
GEO. E. RUSSELL,  
Press Sec.

#### STATE OF NEBRASKA—DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Plumbers  
vs.  
Electrical Workers.

To the Committee of the Building Trades Council appointed to investigate and report as to which union, the plumbers or the electrical workers, is to control the conduit work in the city of Omaha and vicinity under the jurisdiction of the Building Trades Council.

The electrical workers hereby submit facts as to their right to the conduit work: St. Louis, in 1899, had the same trouble with the plumbers that we are having here, and the Building Trades Council decided in our favor, March, 1890. The carpenters also laid claim to the moulding because we used their tools. This was decided in our favor in April, 1899. The elevator conductors claimed the right to do all work in the hatchway. The electrical workers would not concede to any of their points, as under our constitution we claim jurisdiction over all electrical work, and the Building Trades Council again decided in our favor.

#### THOS. WHEELER'S LETTER.

I will say that the electrical workers throughout the United States handle the conduit work. The steam-fitters have made us some trouble in a number of cities, but wherever an appeal has been made to the central bodies the electrical workers have been sustained.

You will find this to be the case in Cleveland, Detroit, Rochester, St. Louis, New York, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Buffalo, Pittsburg, and, I think, Chicago. These are only cities where an appeal has been made to the central bodies, and the appeal has always been decided in favor of the electrical workers.

The electrical workers never lay claim to a pipe which conveys steam or water. Why, then, should a steam-fitter seek to lay claim to a pipe through which an electric current passes? The mere fact that

the pipe is of iron or some other composition does not entitle a steam-fitter to handle it (providing it is intended to convey an electric current), any more than would an electric worker be entitled to wire up a stovepipe simply because he may handle wire. They might, or we might, as well argue that our linemen have the sole right to build wire fence simply because we have the tools. No, the steam-fitters will have to step aside when it comes to handling conduit pipes intended for the transmission of electric power. (Signed)

THOS WHEELER, G. P.

New York says: Under no consideration would we allow the plumbers to do any iron conduit work in New York. 1st, because it does not belong to them; 2d, who would stand responsible in case of any defective work?

C. W. ELLIOT'S LETTER.

I would say that under no circumstances should you allow the plumbers to run any kind of pipes for electric work. No city in the East allows it, and here in Philadelphia, where the plumbers are very strongly organized, they have better sense than to even suggest such a thing.

In the first place, why should the plumbers, any more than the gas-fitters, or steam-fitters, or tinsmiths, who all run pipes, take your work? Next, on what grounds can they demand the biggest item of a pipe job from the ones who have secured the contract?

Lastly, there never was a plumber or steam-fitter who could do a satisfactory job for the electric work. It has been tried, on the grounds of economy, time and time again, but was never satisfactory.

(Signed) C. W. ELLIOT, Rec. Sec.

Kansas City, Mo.—We have and always do the conduit work here.

Pittsburg.—We certainly do all the conduit work. What does a plumber know about electricity, any more than we know of plumbing?

Denver, Col.—We do all the conduit work and shall always continue to do so. What does a plumber know of conduit work, the sizes of wires, amount of lights or openings to a circuit, how to put in switches, or, in fact, anything of it? Could an electrical worker go and put in gas or steam or water under a plumber when he knows nothing of the trade?

Indianapolis.—I will state that the plumbers never did and never will do any iron-armored conduit work in Indianapolis. Gas-fitters did one job out here and it had to be all torn out before we could get any wires in it, so that killed them.

They have no right to conduit work, for what do they know about insulation? There is a plumbers' local here, and it is very strong. All conduit work here is and always will be done by electrical workers.

New Orleans, La.—Any pipes or mould-

ings used in any way to convey electricity are electrical and belong to the electrical workers.

St. Paul, Minn.—The electrical workers certainly do all the conduit work in our city.

Boston, Mass.—All conduit work belongs to electrical workers and we never heard tell of plumbers doing any of it, and will say, nowhere in the New England States would they be allowed to do it.

Rapid City, Mich.—The electrical workers do all the conduit work here.

Cleveland, O.—The electrical workers do all the conduit work here and the I. B. E. W. controls all the pipes in connection with the electricity.

You can see from these we control conduit work in every city in the United States. We have as much right to place subways and pipes for wires as the plumber has to set closets, urinals and wash-basins that are porcelain and marble. The plumbers would not agree to any other trade setting the plumbing appliances for them, and I nor any man of good judgment can see where they have any right to place any kind of electrical appliances in any building. The conduit is solely for electricity. The tinner set pipes for water; why don't the plumbers claim that because it conveys water? The electrical workers, as do the plumbers, handle the tools belonging to nearly every trade in existence.

Who first brought the conduit in the market? It was the electrical workers, in order that we could run our wires in such a manner as to avoid the plumbers or any other trade doing them damage, and insure public safety. The plumber has always been our greatest enemy by running his pipes too near our wires, and now when we have substituted a conduit to overcome this difficulty, upon what grounds can the plumbers claim the conduit work?

You all know that electricity is very dangerous, and a flaw in any way, shape or form may cause the death of many. Could the Building Trades Council hold the plumbers or electrical workers responsible for such flaw? These flaws are only avoided by practical electrical men who have worked years and know what will cause them.

I, as an electrical worker, would not be able to say a pipe is safe for water, gas or steam, because I know nothing about it. Would the plumbers, carpenters or bricklayers allow a man of another trade to be over them saying how the work should be done, at the same time learning that man's trade, thereby gaining the knowledge in a week that he has made a study of for years? The electrical people are the investigators of the manufacturing of such pipe to use as an extra protection for electricity.

The underwriters' rules say: Each length of conduit, whether insulated or uninsu-

lated, must have the maker's name or initials stamped in the metal or attached thereto in a satisfactory manner, so that the inspector can readily see the name.

This shows that it is in no way a gas pipe.

#### CITY ORDINANCE

Sec. 16. All persons, firms or corporations desiring to make use of electric currents for any of the purposes mentioned in the preceding section of this ordinance, shall, before commencing or doing any electrical construction work of any kind whatever, either installing new apparatus, or repairing apparatus already in use, or changing the plan of wiring of any building or section thereof, file plans and specifications showing such apparatus or wiring and an application for a permit therefor in the office of the city electrician, which shall describe in detail the plan of construction and material and apparatus it is desired to use, giving the locality by street and number, and upon receipt of which application, if found proper, such permit shall be given.

That all companies, firms, corporations or individuals doing wiring for arc, incandescent lights, for motors, electric-light fixtures, gas lighting, house annunciators, telephone, automatic fire alarms and outside construction for light, heat, power, telephone, telegraph or district service, shall first procure a general permit from the city electrician, upon the payment of \$5 and passing an examination before an examining board composed of the city electrician, city engineer, and the chief of the fire department (the city electrician to be ex-officio secretary of said examining board), showing that said applicant is competent and qualified to do and engage in such work. Provided, that before such permit shall issue, said company, firm, corporation or individual shall deposit with the city treasurer the sum of \$50, by him to be held and known as an electrical fund to be used only to make good any defect or damage caused by negligence, defective or inferior work of the party making such deposit, and upon the expiration of such permit to be returned by order of the mayor and council, upon a certificate being filed with the city clerk by the city electrician.

And be it further provided, that before such permit shall issue, said company, firm, corporation or individual shall give a bond to the city in the sum of \$1,000, conditioned that they will in good faith perform all the things required of them under the provisions of this ordinance; said bond to be approved by the mayor and council and to be filed with the city clerk.

Sec. 17. Any person, company or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the rules and provisions of this ordinance, or who shall in-

terfere or tamper with any electrical apparatus and current-carrying conductors, or who shall refuse, fail or neglect to comply with any order or request of the city electrician in pursuance of any by the authority of any of the provisions of this ordinance or rules therein contained, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in a police court, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$22, or be imprisoned not exceeding 30 days, or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

To the Committee, Building and Trades Council, Omaha:

Gentlemen—It will be observed that to successfully install the armor-conduit system, that the workman shall be familiar with all the chances of defects, the very nature of materials and currents that are to be used, and have the necessary mechanical ability and experience to install this system properly. Inasmuch as the electrical workmen are governed in the manner of construction, the class of material and the electrical circuits that are to be used, with the nature of which they must be thoroughly familiar, and in all matters pertaining to this question, they are held strictly to the rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters' Association, and inasmuch as the plumbers are not familiar with the above-mentioned facts, it seems ridiculous that they should aspire to a matter of business that they cannot in any sense of the word qualify.

It is possibly true that the electrical worker handles tools that are handled by the steam-fitter, the plumber or the gas-fitter, or whatever they choose to call their local trades union, and will also handle the carpenters' and blacksmiths', the stone-masons', the marble-cutters', and various other mechanics' tools, and it is ridiculous for the plumbers to think they have the cinch on the stocks and dyes that are manufactured at this time.

On this claim, as they choose to term it, the carpenters and other trades' tools that I have mentioned being used by us, can bar the electrical worker from doing business altogether; we certainly have a right under the rules of organized labor to exist.

It is true that should the matter of installing the conduit systems be given over to the plumber, that they would receive more per day for the work than the electrical worker now receives, but will it improve their condition, or will it by their having it improve the chances of the electrical worker in the near future, receiving more pay per day? Demand controls wages to a great extent; the letting go of this work decreases the demand for electric workers, therefore reduces the chances of advanced wages. If it is the desire of the trades union contesting this question to monopolize the electrical business, inasmuch as they now have the plumbers, gas-

fitters and steam-fitters, why not reorganize and take under their protecting wing the electrical and other trades that are using a few of the same tools that they use?

As a matter of rules under which we are governed, I beg to mention the following to enable you to judge for yourselves which of the trades is the most competent to handle the work contested.

Conduit—Whether or not insulated, must have maker's name or initials stamped in the metal or attached thereto, in a satisfactory manner, so that inspectors can readily see the same.

The metal covering of insulating conduit must be equal in strength to ordinary pipe, such as gas and other commercial forms.

Must not be affected extremely by the burning out of a wire inside of the conduit when the other side of the circuit is connected to the metal.

Insulating material must be firmly sewed to the armor, and must not be cracked or broken when uniformly bent at a temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit, to an angle as specified in rules of National Board of Fire Underwriters governing curves, elbows, bends, etc.

Must be smooth inner surface, free from burrs; insulations of each must connect one to the other, so as not to prevent removing or entering of conductor in the conduit.

All bends must be made so as not to injure the armor or insulating material enclosed.

Must not, when in place and ready for conductors, come in contact with heat to a degree greater than 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Armored Cables—Such as will be equal in strength to resist penetration of nails, and with special fittings to insure continuous insulation between the earth or contact with substances in contact with the earth.

Submarine cables and aerial cables, such as are now used by telephone companies with lead armor connections enclosed and insulated, with carefully-wiped joints to guard against moisture.

These are a only a few points that the electrical workmen are familiar with and have the ability to execute properly. How many plumbers are there, in your judgment, competent to handle those joints mentioned? Only a few, as it is, yet many too many for a plumber in the city of Omaha.

J. V. HATHAWAY,

Local No. 22, Omaha, Neb.

March 30, 1900.

#### Local Union No. 28.

Ft. Worth, Texas, March 16, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I take pleasure in informing you that although No. 28 has never had an article in the Worker we have a real live local and will be heard from in every edition from now on.

The prospect for work here is not very bright now, although there is some talk of a trolley line from Ft. Worth to Dallas. If it goes through it will liven things up a little.

Several brothers from Houston stopped over for a day on their way north. I leave for the north on the 1st of April and will always have a good word for the members of 28 and hope to find it as strong as 66 in the near future. The next article will be from Bro. W. W. Wade and what he writes will be worth anybody's time to read. Little Bill is the real thing when it is on unionism. Brother Tom Wilkins is on the sick list. He is down with typhoid-pneumonia but is improving some. Everything is moving along smoothly with 28 and we expect to have a good meeting next Wednesday.

Yours fraternally,

F. A. DRULLARD,

Press Sec.

Received after forms closed for March.  
—Ed.

#### Local Union No. 31.

Duluth, Minn., April 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, spring has at last arrived in this northern country, and old Lake Superior, upon whose rocky, iron-filled banks our city stands, is beginning to feel the effects of the ever-warm sun. The ice in the lake, which has been getting weaker daily, has at last started out and the boats are now just ready to start on the most successful season they have ever had. The opening of navigation of course means much to Duluth each year. The grain elevators, which are full now, begin to send the life-giving cereal down the lakes by cargoes of from 100,000 bushels to even as much as 265,000 bushels in one boat. Then also the iron mines of the Vermillion and Mesaba ranges, only 90 miles back of us, start to operate and the ore docks here handle this valuable product. All winter long the logging trains have been depositing logs along the bay shore and now, with open water, they will all be rafted to the mills and the summer sawing commences. Various other commodities also commence to move at this time, which shows that spring in the "Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas," means a great deal to the people.

Nearly all of the local unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council have either received concessions or expect to this spring in the matter of wages, hours, etc. At the present time the painters and decorators have gotten about half the firms to sign their agreement, and of course those shops are working. But the other half are trying to hold out against the boys. As this is their busiest time, and one shop has only two men where there

should be twenty, I don't think the painters will lose.

The carpenters have presented a scale also to go into effect the 1st of May, and as the bosses have organized, we may have trouble, but will probably win out. As for the electrical boys, we have our inside wiremen's rules signed by all the shops. They call for \$2.50 per day of 9 hours. None but union men to be employed. We have good prospects for more work than we can handle this summer, so if 3 or 4 good union workmen drop in here in about a month they can probably be given work. None but union men will be allowed to work. The cost of living is slightly higher here than in many of the other cities, however, and so a man who can get any work even for a little less pay had better stay away.

This city is rapidly increasing in the matter of unions and union men and the merchants and business people in general are waking up to a realization of the fact that when wanting men or having work to do they must consider the unions and whether such men and such shops are all right. When unionism reaches that point we think it has good prospects ahead of it. We now have some thirty unions affiliated with the Trades Assembly and twelve with the Building Trades Council. They have sent a good many hustlers into the two bodies as delegates, and if matters are conducted in the right way this summer we will have all our unions in good shape next fall for the dull winter season. That is, in the unions which are affected by the opening and closing of navigation. As for the electrical workers we have all worked right through the winter and expect to next.

What's the matter with the press secretary from No. 45? No letter for two or three months. Wake up, Buffalo, and tell us how the Exposition work is getting along and how the union stands on it.

CLIFFORD L. HIGGINS,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 34.

Peoria, Ill., April 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has fallen my duty once more to pen a few lines to the Worker in behalf of L. U.-No. 34. I forward what little news I have. Well, to begin with, things are not moving along as rapidly as I would like to see them, as there are a few wire patchers working here who have got good steady jobs but are very slow in coming to the front. The excuses they have to offer are too numerous to mention and the brothers of all other locals have heard the same old hot air. We added one more new light to our circuit this month and Bro. C. Kittinger, of local No. 39, with a traveling card and in good standing, was admitted as a member. He is working for the Pos-

tal Tel. Co. The manager of the C. U. Tel. Co. notified their men the 16th of March that there would be a cut of 25c a day. After the boys wouldn't stand for it and quit, the manager saw that his bluff wouldn't go, so he put them back to work again in less than an hour.

Our worthy vice-president, R. Sherdon, has taken out a traveling card and is now in Cleveland. Bro. McGuire has taken out a card and is now headed for Spokane, Wash. Business is dull here at present, nothing doing; but we are in hopes that things will pick up as soon as the weather gets favorable.

We have rented another hall, which is a great deal cheaper than the one we were organized in and better for our business. We meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1313 South Adams.

Bro. Randolph thinks he's the only lamp on the circuit since his wife presented him with a big 11 1-2 pound boy; he goes to work since with a stand-up collar on and stepping mighty high.

Well, as I have given you about all of the old hot air I can think of, I will cut it out and go to bed.

Yours truly,

J. A. R.,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 35.

Herkimer, N. Y., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was requested to write an article this month and will try to give a satisfactory account of what is going on around here.

Our hall burned to the ground about three weeks ago, but none of our property was destroyed but the charter, and we have had that renewed. We had three candidates to initiate last meeting night, but could only find two. We expect to get the other one in next Saturday night. We haven't got a permanent hall since the fire but expect to be nicely quartered in one the coming week.

All the brothers are well but say they don't like to see snow all summer. The farmers are driving to town with sleds yet. Brother James Burns has accepted a position as foreman down at Hudson, N. Y., I believe for some light and power company. Bros. Walter McCumbert, Joe McCumbert and Harry Scribner have gone there to work for him. Success to you brothers.

Nearly all of the brothers here are working for the Central Construction Co., of Wauseon, Ohio. They make a specialty of telephone work and have just completed Herkimer with 146 phones working. They put up a full metallic plant, using American boards and instruments and are meeting with great success. Ilion, which is two and a half miles west of Herkimer, is being built by that company, and is nearly complete. Most of the boys are over at Frankfurt, building that town and have all

the poles set and cable strung, and will finish the plant in a few days.

They started to set poles in Mohawk, which is between Herkimer and Ilion, a few days ago but were enjoined and it hasn't been settled yet.

Local 35 is getting along nicely and is made up of floaters. We don't expect to be here a great while longer but do expect to take our local with us to the next job, unless there is one there already. I haven't the slightest idea where that will be. We are always sure of our money on Saturday night and glad to meet a brother with a good card, no matter when nor where. The wages here are \$2.50 per day and we have no objection to bigger wages if we can get them.

Several of the boys have gone west. I suppose to happier hunting grounds. We would like to hear from them, either through the Worker or by personal letter. We wish them success wherever they go.

Well, brothers, if you can't get any sense out of this would-be letter, you can make up your mind that Rabbit Davis wrote it.

With kindest regards to all the brothers, and all union labor.

CHARLES D. DAVIS.

#### Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Conn., April 9.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There has been a very agreeable change in the weather here since my last letter. The long and tedious days of the winter have given way to the more balmy ones of spring. To see the birds coming back, and to realize that the sun will be shining on both sides of the fence shortly, inspires one with new life, and starts the blood in one's veins coursing through its natural channels. Soon the bleachers on the baseball field will be dried out sufficient to cause some of us to find pleasure in watching our husky ball team of the season of 1900, knocking out 3-baggers and home runs. How rejoiced we really will be when the summary counts like the following: Hartford 3, Rochester 1; Hartford 14; Neward 2, etc. I wonder if Bill Smink and O'Hagan will be your drawing cards, Harry. Manager Herbert, of the electrical workers' ball team, expects to have a team in the field this season earlier than usual. Challenges will likely be sent out to all the locals, east of St. Louis, with St. Louis included.

Henry Demme, who left here for Cleveland about a month ago, has returned. In company with him was Billy Lenox, a former cable splicer for the Southern New England Telephone Co. here. Was agreeably surprised by Billy turning up at the last meeting here, a full fledged member of the Brotherhood with a card from Akron, Ohio. Fred Quirk a member of 27 struck town recently, and was in attendance at a meeting; he gave quite an in-

teresting account of his recent tour across the continent. He found employment immediately with one of the Southern New England construction gangs. The Southern New England Co. have started in the season with a rush of work, stringing several new coppers for trunk lines throughout the state. Indications point to a busy season for the wire fixers in this section; many new trolley lines are to be constructed and several extensions to the ones now in use are to be made, with the encouraging outlook it is more encouraging to say that it will be necessary to produce a little piece of pasteboard to satisfy the boss you are welcome. Anybody coming without a card will find the flea in the ear business a dead issue. The Postal Tel. Co. has recently added to their already extensive underground service about three-quarters of a mile across what is known as the Causeway, East Hartford. With this and a few other changes, some of the boys who were not steadily employed fell in for the extra work. With the wires underground in this section it relieves the linemen from some very disagreeable duties. The spring freshets in the river bring down ice that most always broke guys from fastenings, causing the poles to go down, making it necessary to do the repairing in boats. With the wires underground, it also relieves the wire chiefs of some anxiety. Now the waters can submerge the meadows and the elements roar, the ice cakes will find no stopping place, the poles are there no more.

An ex-member of 37, Bert. Murtagh, employed on switchboard work at the electric light station, was severely burned and sustained painful injuries by coming in contact with 2,400 volt current one day last week. He is being treated at the hospital and hopes are entertained for his recovery. Joseph Payeur, a member of 37, received a shock from a wire coming in contact with St. Ry. feeders on causeway while taking down Postal wires. His hands were burned quite badly, but not enough to incapacitate him from continuing his work. Bro. Joseph Maloney is bound that the boys will pay some attention to the number on the order of business relative to discussion on practical electrical subjects and has brought about the action that two meeting nights of each month be devoted to brief discussions.

Billy Wilson didn't have his lesson last meeting. Bros. Rink, Maloney, Tracey and Sullivan provided some interesting instructions.

A traveling card was issued to Brother Crowley, now working at Waterbury, and one to Bro. Palmer, who is going to Camden, N. J. Things are moving along nicely with us and we are still on the hustle for members. The latest thing new around is Durie's suit. It looked pretty dry although it had a union label on it. No doubt Alex will be around in due time to wet it. Some

meeting night would be a good time. We usually have about 30 or 35 members at each meeting, and they are generally dry after the different debates.

Fraternal greeting to all,  
SHEEHAN,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, O., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The P. S. of Local 38 will be very brief with his letter for this month. He will have to ask the brothers not to criticize him, as since yesterday an attack of neuralgia set in his head and to-day he is nearly wild with pain. But the time is up and a letter must reach Rochester by the 10th, so I will endeavor to do the best I can under difficulties.

The past month Local 38 has had a lot of business on hand; a new set of rules for by-laws have been worked on, and have been accepted. The wage-scale committee has been hard at work trying to come to some settlement with the contractors, but up to the present time we are far from that point; but this week we will have another meeting with them and will expect to arrange matters satisfactory.

Inside wiring has been very slack the past month, and several of our brothers have been out of work; Bros. Downer and Emhoff went to Jamestown, N. Y., to install a plant. Last week Bros. Dixon, McNerney, Bunton, Yost and Downer were down to visit Local 89, Akron, O., and they tell me they had a great time. Grand President Wheeler was there, also.

After May 1st Local 38 will raise their monthly dues to one dollar for journeymen and seventy-five cents for journeymen helpers. At our last meeting we elected several new officers: Bro. Harry Buffington was elected vice-president; Bro. Deisher, inspector; Bro. Boyd, delegate to B. T. C. Bro. Al Bunton had to leave us suddenly, and as I understand, accepted a position as superintendent of an electric concern at Providence, R. I.

The outlook for inside electric work looks very slim this spring, as the building boom has quieted down very much on account of building material being so high, and an advance in wages has been asked for by most all building trades. The plumbers and machinists are out on a strike now and they will win out all right. A great many of the machine shops have signed the 9-hour day, with the same wages they have been paying for 10 hours.

The electric wiring done by the Little Company, of Buffalo, in the Empire Theatre, has not been accepted by the city electrician and must be all overhauled. Bro. Keiffer and several others of our boys have been on the bum job, trying to get it straightened out. The work was a sight to behold; no joints tapped nor soldered,

and about 102 circuits all brought down to the distribution board in a bunch, the same as if it was bell work. I guess they forgot that we used circular loom in our town. In fact, it was the tamest job ever done in this city, and undoubtedly before the Buffalo concern gets through with it they will wish they had never seen Cleveland. A report was brought to me this past week that a man by the name of May had come on from Buffalo to fix up this bum job, and this same fellow was scabbing it on this job while Local 38 had differences with the owners of this theatre, and at that time we wrote Local 41 telling them about these three workmen who held cards with No. 41, and they assured us that they would deal with these fellows according to our constitution, and we learned after that these men were expelled. But here this man May comes back from Buffalo and shows our president a paid-up working-card, which had been paid up lately. Now, somebody is trying to play horse with us; and if Local 41 does business that way, we deeply regret that they haven't got more backbone. Our executive board has instructed Bro. Dixon, our business agent, not to allow any member of Local 38 to work with this man May until we have been officially notified by Local 41 that the aforesaid party has been reinstated in the Brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,  
F. C. HEGENER,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, April 9th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Things are quiet in Cleveland at present, but not with Local No. 39. We only had seven candidates to initiate last meeting night, not bad for a starter on the ninth month since we organized last July. I said in my last letter we would soon reach the 150 mark. Well, that was reached and now we are pulling for the 175 mark. We will have that number beat before we are one year old. This local is a winner from the start. They have all got to walk in the path that is right when they come into 39's territory. Well, I wonder if the Detroit push has got their goat by this time. Dick Scanlon and Tom Marvin tried to pinch the goat but Cross-Arm Jack Sheehan put them on the hummer. Then Tripp, from the Rapids, wanted to take our corduroy road with him, as it reminded him of the roads up in that wooden country. Well, the whole push was O. K. and I wish that we all could meet again. Local 39 gave a smoker for the visiting brothers who were here during the storm and everyone enjoyed themselves. The following account will explain itself: The smoker given by Local 39 last Thursday night was a grand success. Such a large crowd attended that it became impossible to find room for the



later arrivals and an adjournment was then taken to the large hall upstairs, where the rest of the program was carried out. Speeches were made by Grand President Thos. H. Wheeler and Bros. Mike Goldsmith, T. K. Roberts and Luke McKenny. Bro. Tom Forbes, of Local 17, of Detroit, also made a very fine speech. The main features on the program were: Songs by Bros. Murphy, Jimmie Mack, T. K. Roberts, Barney Fagan, Homer Hamilton Hicks and others; a recitation, "The Face on the Bar-room Floor," by Bro. Mack, and dancing by Bros. Heffron and Mike Goldsmith, the latter being a particularly fine exhibition. The smoker wound up with several fine bouts with the gloves. Those between Bros. Joe Dooley and Geo. Gleason, Chas. Kennealy and Henry Erhardt, and two brothers from Detroit, being of a "red-hot" order. The bout between Dooley and Gleason set the crowd in a roar. Dooley nearly had Gleason "on the hummer" in the first round, but George soon got his second wind and was right in it at the wind up. Bro. Gleason seconded one of the principles in each of the succeeding bouts and made their lives miserable with his Chinese laundry style of ejecting water from his mouth in a regular shower over their heads. George certainly was a feature. The smoker was given in honor of the brothers from other cities, a large number of whom were present. They all left satisfied that when the Cleveland linemen start to do a thing they don't do it by halves. We almost forgot to mention that Bro. "Cy" Gechter brought down the house as usual with his rendition of "Keep Away from Jersey." Among the out-of-town brothers present were: Dick Scanlon, president of No. 17, Detroit; J. W. Frambes, recording secretary of the Columbus local; F. Tripp, of Grand Rapids, and Tom Marvin, of Detroit.

The following lines are from the well-known poet, Teddy K. Roberts, business agent of plumbers, No. 55, who is also a charter member of the Swingers & Rasps' Association, which is composed of wire fixers and honest plumbers:

The Linemen's hall was crowded  
At their smoker Thursday night  
And the talent that was introduced  
Was simply out of sight.

A song by Cyrus Gechter  
Did make the old hall ring,  
Barney Fagan danced a jig  
And he was certainly the whole thing.

Next came Homer Hamilton Hicks,  
A tenor of great fame,  
Although he had a desperate cough,  
He got there just the same.

Then Dooley and big George Gleason,  
Had a three-round go,  
And showed their brother linemen  
That they weren't so very slow.

The men came to the center  
In a hurricane kind of way;  
Gleason said, "I'll put him on the hummer,"

Just then Dooley broke away.

The odds were now on Gleason,  
Though the betting it was small;  
Dooley got in a rasper hook,  
Then Mr. Dooley had the call.

The third round was very clever,  
Say, you ought to see Dooley go,  
Coming over one wasn't in it,  
So Dooley got the dough.

Well, here's to Local 39,  
The officers and the men,  
And when they have another smoker  
You will find me there again.

TOM ROBERTS.

The following was handed to us by Johnny Horn, who says that Tom Roberts is the author of it. It is entitled "The Boers' Toast":

Here's to the Boers of the Transvaal,  
Defending their homes far away.  
Here's to their brave, wise commanders,  
May their swords never rust but still slay.  
Here's to the men that are fighting  
For liberty, glorious and bright,  
And may the hopes of those heroes  
Be toasted the warmest to-night.  
Don't blame them for fighting for freedom,  
Their cause it has justice and right,  
And before they get through with the English  
May they blow Johnny Bull out of sight.

Now, we don't believe Johnny. We know that Tom is quite a poet, but we are rather inclined to think that the author is either Johnny himself or that other exiled Boer, "Swart Piet" Gleason.

On Saturday, March 17th, a committee from Locals 38 and 39 visited Akron to help Local 89. The committee was composed of Grand Pres. Tom Wheeler, Geo. H. Gleason, and Bus. Agent Joe Dooley, of Local 39, Bus. Agent Will Dixon, P. McNery, Al. Bunton and Adam Joist, of Local No. 38. The local there is growing and the officers are trying to unionize the various jobs in town. We were entertained first-class by the boys of 89 and I hope they will try and drop up our way on a Thursday night and we will return the compliment to them. So come along.

The wire fixers have a few vocal artists here in Cleveland who have a reputation amongst the first-class artists. Cy Gechter, leading tenor, and H. H. Hamilton Homer Hicks, of Swantown, suparmo. They are members of the famous Building Trades Quartette, which is in great demand among the Cleveland unions when they hold open meetings and smokers. They have a full line of all the latest and popular songs and melodies of the day. The following comprise the Building and Trades Quartette:

Cy Gechter, H. H. Hamilton Homer Hicks, Geo. Heintz, of the Lathers' Union, and Massa Pete Blance, of the Hodcarriers'. John J. Horn, manager, who looks after the booking of dates for the quartette.

The following few lines will explain themselves. A lineman in a full-dress suit. (Scene) Local No. 39 ball, Feb. 22, 1900:

He had a noble bearing,  
With a manner quite correct;  
A pretty nosegay wearing  
And you never would suspect  
That this elegant and fine man  
Next day up poles would scoot,  
Or that he was just a lineman  
In a full-dress suit.

In the dreamy waltz he's gliding  
With a fair cheek near his own  
And a sweet voice gently chiding,  
Saying cold his love had grown.  
Yes, this dazzling 39 man  
Looked so winsome and so cute,  
You'd ne'er take him for a lineman  
In a full-dress suit.

This is not intended for any one of the committee, but if the coat fits you you can keep it.

Say, No. 56, the 4th of March has passed and so has the 4th of April, and we have not got your answer in regard to what you are going to do with Tom Conners. Come, now, speak up and send No. 39 a reply as to what you intend to do. We have done our part to the letter. Our relief committee has looked after Conners and his troubles. We can give you an itemized statement to date. We sent one to Local No. 56 and have since then given him more financial aid, so when you want the statement our financial secretary can furnish it on short notice. Now we would like this matter squared up some way or another. If this brother is not entitled to any benefits from your local, and the by-laws govern such case, let us hear from you and then we can straighten out this matter. Local 56 should have sent more particulars of the case to us than they have. If they have any grievance against this brother let us know so that we can understand the case.

Our sick brother, Dell Hill, is getting around nicely and Bro. Austin Mulhern, who was laid up with typhoid fever, is also getting around.

Ex-Bro. Sam Harris, asst supt. of construction of the Cuyahoga Telephone Co., is recovering from a severe attack of sickness. We all wish Sam the best of luck and hope he rounds up O. K.

Bro. Mack Wilson, who has charge of the line order department for the Cuyahoga Telephone Co., has more business to look after than an old hen with one chicken. Say, Mr. Editor, you ought to see Mack line the savages up. You remember how he lined you up one night in old No. 38, when you forgot the good word.

Well, Mr. Editor, we have at last gained a victory for organized labor in the City of Cleveland. We elected a union man for the position of Director of Public School, Thomas H. Bell, a member of Typographical Union; although he was a republican, lots of democrats supported him. Be was the working people's choice and carried everything before him. His plurality over the democratic candidate was over 8,000. Our next step will be to get some good councilmen and a good mayor, now we have got a start and a good one. We can point with pride and say we have a man who holds one of the highest elective offices in the city who carries a union card in his pocket.

The letter from James Cummings that the Grand Sec'y forwarded to the Rec. Sec'y of No. 39 was acted upon, and if James Cummings wants any information in regard to his case his memory can be revived. The James Cummings who is working for the United States Telephone Co. as a gang foreman, now in the vicinity of Columbus, did scab here in Cleveland. He worked for the Cleveland Electric Railway (big consolidated) and was always in the company of detectives and was found in a room with them a few doors from where the executive board had headquarters during the trouble. If any more information is needed it can be furnished. Local No. 9 tried hard to get a line on him and Bro. Joe Driscoll at one time was anxious to find him as he was not square with No. 9. They had charges against him.

If this should meet the eye of E. Disard (old Rastus), who is working on some plantation near Columbus, Ga., or in the neighborhood of Atlanta, let him drop the writer a few lines in memory of the cold days when we were working for the Postal, along with Mattie Meadow and Fatty Barr.

Well now, boys, I will cut the return, open the switch, go to bed and sleep the sleep of one who has no trouble but troubles of his own. Say Pete, lend me that screw driver, Kid McGuire has pinched the one I bought.

GEORGE H. GLEASON.  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 1st, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are knocking along in the same old way this month, everyone is working with good prospects ahead. The inside men and the contractors have signed a new agreement for \$2.50 per day of eight hours. The linemen should get together and better themselves also. The trimmers get better wages and two hours less than linemen do here, and all because they stick together. I heard a foreman say last week that "there was no use saying anything to those trimmers, they were just like a flock

of sheep, when one started the rest all followed."

We have settled our grievance with ex-Bro. Cain and the Elec. Const. Co. The company signed with the Contractors Association and ex-Bro. Cain was reinstated in our local.

St. Joseph still claims to be the best organized city in the West. A new organization starts up every week. The teamsters have a union a month old with 400 members, the drug clerks have organized, also the bartenders. There is not a hall in the city large enough to hold the garment workers, who have just received their charter. The manufacturers are anxious to get the union labels, as we are all wearing Carhartt overalls instead of home-made goods. Fifty of the newsboys have just asked for a charter. The horseshoers have got together with 43 charter members. The retail clerks also have a large union which pays sick benefits of \$5.00 per week and a death benefit of \$50.00. We are working hard to get some other trades organized, some which have never known such a thing as an organization. We are going to have an election of city officers next Tuesday. Several of the candidates on the Republican ticket are union labor men and the party has a municipal ownership plank in its platform, so look out for a Republican landslide.

Bro. Bartlett is still on the sick list. The boys are not visiting him as often as they should. Do your duty, brothers, no telling when you will be down and longing for some of the boys to drop in.

Respectfully,  
Ys, P. S.

#### Local Union No. 42.

Utica, N. Y., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well I got tied up in a snow storm last month, so I did not get a letter to your paper, and I got jacked up for it, so I will write a few lines and let you know that No. 45 is on the job. We have had a rush on our hands, about 20 new lights in the circuit and more to come.

Bro. Boyce, of No. 41, is with us; he is wiring the new Telephone building. Bro. Van Der Bogert, of the W. U. Tel. Co., has got through taking down the old W. U. pike line.

Bro. W. Owen came around the first of the month with Mr. La Pretti and his gang and they all rode the goat in good shape. Bros. Bates and Shipman got out that bass drum and their men are all in. Let the good work go on.

There will be lots of work here soon. If any brother wants to buy a good dog write to Bro. Van Der Bogert, care of W. U. Tel. Co.; he has got one but he can't right. If any brother ever comes to Utica and runs across a couple of men carrying a chest and a picture frame under their arms, they will

know that No. 42 is moving. We are back in Labor Temple and meet the second and fourth Tuesdays, and all brothers are welcome. As the date is late I will ring off.

Fraternally yours,  
W. S. C.  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 46.

Lowell, Mass., April 4th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It becomes my duty to inform the brothers of the I. B. E. W. that Local Union No. 46 has lost one more good member and that, too, at a time when we needed him most, at a time when we were just congratulating ourselves upon having with us so strong a champion of unionism, one who in his position as foreman in charge of a gang of men was none the less a strong advocate of the principles of unionism and never let an opportunity slip when he could say a word to influence an outsider or strengthen a weak brother. A man who rose superior to his position, who never got what we call "a swell head," nor lorded it over his fellow workmen and, unlike others whom we could mention, he never let his ambitions for a chance to make himself solid with the manager allow him to become a mere puppet or a stick, and the tune whistled by his superiors was not the one he danced to unless it would be consistent with his ideas of good unionism and good fellowship. A good, warm-blooded, whole-souled southerner of the right kind; it is no wonder that No. 46 regrets that his decision to return to Baltimore made it compulsory upon us to accept his resignation as president of our local and his withdrawal as a member. We wish him, sincerely and unitedly, a life-long success in whatever he may undertake and hope to have the pleasure of meeting him at some future date. Bro. Davidson, adieu!

A short while ago we sent a delegation to the recently organized Building Trades Council of Lowell, which body is made up of the different unions interested in the building trades and who have recently seceded from the Trades and Labor Council, with instructions to do what they could to secure the consent of all applicants for liquor license to the employment of none but union labor in such alterations or repairs as might be necessary about their places of business after a year of enforced idleness on account of a no-license vote a year ago. We have had grand success, as almost without exception the applicants have agreed to our request and will hang the union card in their windows this year. The licenses were granted yesterday and now we are looking to see a great scramble of non-union men to get inside and line up for their share of a good thing, and some of the ex-members may fall by the way-

side, as we believe that, once a traitor always a traitor. How proud has been their boast that they have "got along all right without the union so far and guess they can continue to do so." They are of that class of people who never knew, or if they did know, have forgotten that "large bodies move slowly," but once started are very hard to stop until they have exhausted the power first expended in overcoming their inertia. It took a lot of power to overcome the inertia of Local 46, and we won't stop until we have union men in control of the electrical business in this city, and even then we will "kinder keep a pushing." Some of these swell-headed, hen-pecked ex-members will have to do some very hard and extensive figuring to keep in the business at all, and will find no time to hatch up schemes to down better men in the same shop in hopes to be able to step into their shoes, unable to understand how little able they would be to fill them until long after they had become able to distinguish a pair of Edison 110 volt series connected dynamos from alternating machines.

We elected Bro. Vice-President Harding to fill the chair left vacant by Bro. Davidson's resignation and Bro. Alex. Anderson to the vice-president's chair. Two good men in the right places, but we have got to jolly the president just a little once in a while. We won't do a thing to you Harry!

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#### Local Union No. 51.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union No. 51 is still in Pittsburgh, as we want all brothers to know, and we are still on strike, or locked out, but the world was not made in one day, or one month's loaf was never known to starve any one out. It looks as though it is intended for a freeze out for 51, but as the blue birds have begun to sing we will all try and enjoy life while our lives are young. Some of the boys have secured positions in other shops, and some are tramping brick for the government. That's the kind of work suits Baldy Thompson, but Baldy ain't de oney mug in de alley. There are a few more. Dereman is going to start up in de milk biz., and just to give some of the boys something to do, he is goin' to get a few of 'em to carry water for him; every little helps, dat's what de old woman done sed when she cut de old man's hair off to stuff a swans down pillow.

Well, brothers, we are on strike, but the Pressed Steel Co.'s Works is running in full, that is, all the cranes are going; but how? It would pay them to shut the gates and keep them closed until they can employ decent, respectable, skilled workmen to operate their cranes instead of those long-nosed rats. That's about all we can call 'em. Hey, boys, since our trouble

started we received applications from 30 new members, 20 of which have been initiated. The rest have paid one dollar down and will be initiated as soon as they can afford to pay the balance. This looks encouraging for the Brotherhood.

Bro. Thos. Wheeler, G. P., was here three days last week, and one day some of the committee took him down towards the lower part of Allegheny City, where the car show is situated. There he went up against one of the firm of the P. S. Car Co. They had a little conversation regarding the strike, but it did not amount to very much, only that this gentleman understood that the trouble with the crane operators had all been settled. He said the firm would take back all the crane men individually when they needed them. That is very kind of them now, is it not, brothers? We are not hunkeys or stars either, and we don't go to work drunk. I'll leave it to any brother in No. 51. The only brother I ever saw take anything stronger than seltzer was Bro. ——. Well I don't like to get personal, but I'll say this much, that we are going to go back in a body or not at all. Bittner got one black eye, but the other fellow, why he had to be sent to the hospital. Good boy, Chris.; then he woke up. This sounds like a Johnnie Douglas' story but it ain't; it is true. The next time you meet him ask him to let you see his black eye—or ask Baldy Thompson.

Well, Mr. Editor, I think I will have to quit; my controller is warming up on me, but brothers, remember that it is the long winded plug dat wins de race. Congratulate Welsh for all who do not know of his good luck.

Fraternally yours,

"SPIKES," DE CRANE RUNNER,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., April 6.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my first attempt as a news-slinger I will endeavor to let the world know that 54 is still living and fine as frog hair. There are quite a number of our boys out of employment just at the present time, but I think it will not last long, as there will be quite a number of toll lines going out before long, both for the new and the old companies.

The first of April brought with it a 10-hour system with the Com. Union 'phone and a raise in the wages from \$2 to \$2.25, and the boys seem to be very well satisfied with everything on foot at the present time. Although I do not anticipate any trouble, for we have very reasonable fellows at the head of both companies in this old town, and I think they will do what is right with the boys, or as near so as they can under the existing circumstances, but, be it understood that old 54 will stand against the

wiles of the devil, for we are fortified in such a manner that Dewey's 8-inch guns would have little effect on her.

At our last meeting Bro. John Pilger was duly elected to the office of F. S. The hall was brilliantly illuminated, for we had many regular shining lights in attendance, along with many visiting brothers from other locals. A great deal of business was transacted and two brothers rode the goat through the hall and took the obligation.

I understand that Scabby Commiser is running a gang in Columbus for the new company. Now that is pretty bad for a company that stands as high in the estimation of the citizens of Columbus as the Columbus Citizens' 'Phone Co.

At at our next meeting we expect about five or six more candidates to take the obligation.

We have as fine an aggregation

As afforded by the nation;

And we extend to you the invitation

To join the congregation

And witness the next initiation

Of those who take the obligation.

Now this you will believe

If you will only attend the meeting

Every Wednesday eve.

Well, I will cut this out, as it is getting old.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. SPIKES, F. S.

P. S.—Boys, steer away from Columbus, for she is a dead one. There are three liners to one job in this old burg. I understand the new company is going to lay some of their men off about the 20th, or the first of the month, anyhow.

#### Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I think spring must be here for the well known pruners have taken their tree-trimmers and adjourned to the surrounding country with the grim determination of getting the start on every tree between here and any old place.

Things are assuming a business appearance in this section and by the end of another month we expect something of a rush. The mayor has ordered State street cleared of every pole by May 1st, but any brother who has been fortunate enough to stand at the post-office and gaze up Erie's main thoroughfare knows it would be an utter impossibility to clear State street in 30 days. We think his honor, the mayor, has another guess. The only wires at present in the conduits are the city wires, which have been working for some time. The Western Union expects to be the first ones in. They will be closely followed by the Bell and Mutual. The city authorities haven't disposed of the high tension light and feed wires as yet. If the city fathers cut the poles down we'll hire groundmen and hold the wires up.

Among the new arrivals in town are

Bros. Frank Brown and John Ely from Akron, Harry Beckof and C. J. Chisohn, Rochester and Mike Fox, Cleveland. Bros. Ely and Brown are working for the Mutual and Bros. Beckof, Fox and Chisohn for the Bell.

Bro. Jesse Miller has given up his position with the Mutual and gone to work for the Erie Company. Bro. James Hanlon, of the Erie Co., is busy locating ten additional city arcs, which are to be put up at once.

The Erie-Cambridge and the Erie and Northeast street car lines expect to resume building about May 1st. The Erie Motor Co. is rebuilding all its lines inside the city limits.

There are some things being written in the Worker that are not in keeping with the way the members of 56 do business. I think the members are as square a lot of men as you will find in the Brotherhood. Every man working at the business, with two exceptions, in this busy little burg of ours is union heart and soul. Every foreman in town is as good and true a union man as you will find in any local of the Brotherhood, a fact in itself to be proud of and one some of the larger and stronger locals cannot boast of. The local is progressing finely, harmony and contentment reigning supremely and to have our peace and quiet disturbed month after month has proved too much. We have the constitution and I am happy to say most of the brothers of 56 can read. We have referred the matter to headquarters, however, and have received the official decision, also a suggestion which we would gladly have followed had we been approached in the right manner. But we dislike very much to have anyone tell us what we must do. The decision reads we are in no way responsible for the action our brother local has taken in the matter. Notwithstanding all these facts we are not opposed to making concessions to the brother in question. I sincerely hope this matter is settled. The G. P.'s decision ought to go. Seems to me its getting worse all the time. Nuff said.

Fraternally yours,

F. M. S., Press Sec.

P. S.—When I am about to mail my letter I learn with regret that Bros. St. Clair, Ely and Brown have hit the lummer and gone to Cleveland. Good luck fellows. We certainly will miss the long-fellow; all we want is our slim baby back. Let us hear from you.

#### Local Union No. 58.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As my letter in last month's issue was short, I suppose it will be necessary for me to lengthen it this month.

Owing to lack of energy I have nearly let this letter slip out of my mind, but feel-

ing that there should be something in this month just to let the brothers know where Local 58 is, I have decided to write a few lines for the benefit of Local 58 and others.

Our members have not been attending the meetings as regularly as they should. The local will hold a meeting and smoker this evening in Odd Fellows Hall. A good time is expected by all. Pres. Barber will be master of ceremonies and he certainly will make a good one too. We expect to lose Bro. Whitney in the near future. He intends to go to work for the General Electric Co. in their armature department. "Fritz" Anderson is saving all his money for Easter. I suppose he will come out in full bloom. Bro. Fromert says he really likes to wear red-topped boots with copper tips.

I understand the Niagara Falls Electric Light Co. is going to place twenty-three iron poles on Fall street for lights. It will certainly improve the looks of the street.

There has been some extra excitement here since my last writing. We have had our municipal election. A democratic mayor instead of a republican and only one republican alderman. Now comes our tale of woe. The mayor appointed three of four fire commissioners. They in turn have the appointing of a superintendent of fire alarms, under civil service. The present incumbent passed his examination and has held the position for two years. Now one alderman named Maloney, who by the way way owns or thinks he owns the fourth ward and wants the earth and all there is in it, insisted that his man should have the position. Result, one or two of us got out, hustled, but could do nothing only hear "Do you people want the whole push? Do you think you can intimidate us? To h— with unions," etc. Mr. Donahue got the appointment as we only had one delegate. Bro. Green retires but the law is such no one can be fired without a just cause. Bro. Green will probably hold the job until he quits, or gets fired for a cause. There is one thing sure, we will let them know, Iskiene, Weil and Colpoys, if they ever run for office, what is trump. I know Weil is a union man and belongs to the clerk's union, but he turned us down and it will not be forgotten.

We had the pleasure of a short visit the other evening from our worthy grand treasurer, Bro. P. H. Wissinger. Was sorry his time was limited, as he is a jolly good fellow, and hope to meet him again.

Yours,

C. W. ASHBAUGH,  
P. S.

#### Local Union No. 62.

Youngstown, Ohio, April 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The C. W. T. Co. has put a new rule into effect here with regard to the regular force

of men; by this change all men are salaried and get immense salaries ranging from sixty dollars for city inspector down to thirty-five. As a consequence several of the men decided that unless they were furnished with hand satchels to carry their wages home in they would resign. I guess that they resigned.

Work with the Opposition continues plentiful and a big gang is histing the timber. Several of our brothers are hunting the filthy in other climes just now, and seem to have forgotten that there are several people still living in this part of the world who would like to hear from them. Now, from this don't think that any of our absent brothers are not O. K., for this would be doing them an injustice.

When the C. W. T. Co. gets through with their construction work, which will be this week, we will probably lose several of our best members, Dayton getting most of them for a while. Bell and Smith, two good men who held positions as foremen with the Opposition, had a difficulty over wages and as a consequence they left. We were sorry to see them go. We hope that no good men will take their gangs at the old figure and believe that none will.

This is a very short letter this time, but think that, with the request that our absent brothers send us a line, this will have to do.

Au Revoir,

LEW.

#### Local Union No. 64.

Oakland, Cal., April 23, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As nothing from No. 64 appeared in the March Worker, I guess it did not reach you in time. You ought to hear the howl that came from the boys; I thought I was going to be fired and a new P. S. secured, but they gave me one more chance.

The only trouble is that the members fail to show up to meetings and all the business is transacted by the few who do show up. Brothers, make up your minds that each of you are one of the lights on the circuit and if you do not come up they will miss you and send out trouble shooters to hunt you up and bring you up. Last meeting we decided to fine every member who is absent from a meeting ten cents unless they have a good excuse; so all you members who stay away from the meetings better come up or we will have quite a sum in the social fund, for that is where we are going to put the money. Things are quiet out here just now, as the inside work has just started up again; but if any brother has a job I would advise him to stay where he is, and not contemplate coming out here for we have men to spare.

The first thing we do to a new man when he hits town is to ask him if he is a union man, and if not we keep on asking him to come in and as a rule he comes in or goes out of town.

The telephone men nearly all belong to the union, with the exception of a few square heads who are afraid to come in for fear they will lose their jobs. I think we can convince them that the union is the place for them and if they don't come in it is only a question of time before they will be looking for a new job.

There was some trouble out here among the carpenters; they wanted \$3.50 a day instead of \$2.50, but it is almost settled now. They are getting the \$3.50 and working eight hours. The painters are having some trouble about wages but I think it will be all settled satisfactory to them. I think the electricians will be the next to come in line, and as we all belong to the trade union together, I think when we do we will come out on top.

Bro. Murphy is out now and will soon be at work; he fell from a 40-foot pole and broke his collar bone, some time ago.

Yours truly,  
C. B. BELL,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 65.

Butte, Mont., April 4th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Owing to the vacancy in the office of Press Secretary caused by the withdrawal of Bro. M. M. Graham, no letter from Local 65 appeared in the March number of the Worker. The boys of this local regret very much to see Bro. Graham leave Butte, but the East held out good attractions and he will likely make it his permanent home. As an inside wireman, Mr. Graham was a workman of more than ordinary ability and his many warm friends here hope that his future will be a bright and successful one.

Affairs of Local 65 are progressing smoothly under the ever watchful eyes of Pres. J. E. Davidson and Fin. Sec. W. C. Medhurst, and we are glad to have two gentlemen of such high ability at the head of the local. Bro. Medhurst is an energetic and untiring worker and has done much toward placing our union in its splendid condition. He is always on the alert for those not able to produce the necessary piece of green cardboard and none escape his hawk-like optics. Our members are all working and from present indications the prospects of a good summer are encouraging. The boys of our union have been notified to carry their working cards with them beginning with May 1st. This means trouble in store for all those who can't show up. So come on, boys; get into the band wagon.

We are glad to state that the Silver Bow Plumbing & Electric Supply Co., an unfair shop that has given us some trouble in the last year, has been brought into the fold. This local makes life a burden for unfair concerns and they soon realize that they have run up against the real thing.

Bro. Ed. Briggs, of telephone fame, made a trip to Denver last month and reports a very pleasant time. Mother Grundy gives us a quiet tip that our shy Eddie is much interested in one of the fair sex of that locality. Now who'd 'a' thank it?

Bro. Tom Dwyer recently had an increase in his household and is now receiving congratulations from his friends.

Local 65 mourns the loss of one of its members, Milton Lang, who was accidentally killed at the M. O. P. Smelter, where he was employed. Milt was an old pioneer in the electrical business and had worked in Butte for many years. Generous to a fault and often shy of the necessary it happened that the poor fellow was not in good standing at the time of his demise and therefore not entitled to any death benefits. This should serve as a lesson to our members and impress upon their minds the importance of keeping paid up and thereby putting themselves in a position to receive the sick and accident benefits of the union.

Yours truly,  
J. A. COTTER,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 69.

Dallas, Tex., April 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our old war horse, Press Sec. Courtney, has got all he can do I thought I would try to take his place on this letter and let the workers abroad, and some here in Dallas, know that we are still on top. We are doing a flourishing business, are cutting in lights right along and still have some applications to ride the Goat. I would like to say, if some of the brothers desire to give away medals for non-attendance I wish they would write to our press secretary, I think he could give some away. I won't try to roast them now for they are doing better and some are larger than I; then I am not a good runner, so "mum" is the word.

Brothers, work here in Dallas is not rushing at present but most of the wire-fixers are working. If any wireman is thinking of coming to Dallas and can't afford a card, don't come. I don't think we have but few cross-arm batters or inside men who are not in line, and the few that are out are going to get in, so we have no kick coming unless it is that we have not a lot more to convert. I'll tell you when one runs by Trotter-Courtney or Barns, or even your humble servant or any of our brothers, and don't get right well, he is past all chance of getting in line.

Say, brothers, I used to see H. Hatt's name in the Worker; what has become of Henry? Brothers when you come this way we will give you the glad hand and don't you forget it. I have had my little say and will make my little bow. Good wishes to I. B. of E. W.

Yours fraternally,  
WALTER W. IRWIN.

#### Local Union No. 72.

Waco, Tex., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will attempt once more to write a letter for publication, in our worthy paper. Realizing the fact that I am incompetent for the task allotted me, yet if some of you P. S.'s got the jacking up that I did for the last two issues of our journal, when our local was not represented by a letter from their P. S., you would at least hesitate in taking that office, and yet it was no fault of mine. I wrote the letters, but I must have misaddressed them or our worthy G. S. deemed them unworthy of publication. I can see where he was right but then our boys of 72 can't see the same as I do.

You see they had a grand ball on BIRTHINGTON'S Washday, Feb. 22, and they were anxious that the fact should be heralded over the country; they not only wanted Waco to know of the fact but they wanted the rest of the world to know the same. Well, Mr. Editor, I did my best in my humble way to let the electrical workers know of the fact, but of course my description of it was so crude that no doubt it was considered unworthy of publication or I would rather believe it came to late.

Well, sir, we had a grand ball, the like of which was never seen in this country before and until we give another will never be seen again. It was not only a success, electrical speaking; as my friend Richard Beard says, but it was a grand success socially and financially. L. U. 72 is under many obligations to the Hobson Brothers for their kindness to us in furnishing us with every apparatus for decorations; they will not be forgotten in our prayers. By the way let me introduce to you the Hobson Bros., they run the Waco Electric Supply Co., of Waco, Tex. Come to them with a card that is all right, and I will guarantee that you will eat and leave town with a grub stake.

Well, we had an election here on the 3rd, and if any of you fellows have read any of our southern papers lately you know that the labor element of Waco, has at last asserted its rights, and not only elected its chief magistrate but a majority of the city council. The electrical workers tried their metal at the ballot box and won. Here's good luck and success to J. W. Riggins the laboring man's friend. In hopes that he will be the friend to us in the future that he has been in the past, is the earnest wish of L. U. 72.

I wish to mention a little case that came up before the electrical workers yesterday for consideration. As the whole world is no doubt aware, Waco is to have a street fair and merchants' carnival, from April 9th to 14th. There was considerable carpenter work to be done on it and the contractor at the last moment refused to employ union carpenters or recognize the card system. Well the Waco Electrical Sup-

ply Co., run by the Hobson Bros., had the contract for lighting the fair, about one thousand lights. They refused to allow their men to work on a job with non-union men or scabs, and were willing to lose to the tune of about \$2,000, but L. U. 72, hearing the situation, says no, you shall not lose. When the scabs and non-union men are asleep we will do your work. We went to work with a will and it would surprise you sir, as it surprised the citizens of this burg when they awoke next morning and found a thousand lights ready to burn. It seemed to them like a fairy dream, but no, it was a reality; and every one is happy except the scabs and scab contractors. But we have gained a point here; we have showed the companies here that those who will stand by their men will find out that their men will stand by them, and, Mr. Editor, I believe that that is one of the things that all of us should learn, that is, to stand by one another; the sooner both men and companies learn that, I believe it will be to the best interests of all concerned. Boys, do not go to work for a company with the expectation of drawing a salary on the strength of a card. When you go to work, do an honest day's work and when you do that demand an honest day's pay; nine times out of ten you will get it.

Well, I am tiring you with a long letter. In conclusion, I wish to send my regards to Jack Ely, and Jimmy Mack, also Ace Dodge, and some more of the boys who were kind enough to visit us on their way south.

I read Bro. Gleason's letter last month, and was sorry to know that the boys had to stay so long on that isolated plant. L. U. 72 was very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. W. F. Call. Billy was a good boy and made many friends here in addition to the ones he had when he came. Bro. Geo. Pucket and Bro. Cochrane passed through here a day or so ago on their way to K. C. We wish you luck, boys, wherever you go. Come this way, boys, as you go north, 72 is always ready and willing to give a helping hand to a deserving brother.

Yours, etc.,

J. W. KENN,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 76.

Tacoma, Wash., April 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having failed to get a letter in for last month, I will try and let the boys know this issue that we are still living. I have so very little time to write that the brothers must bear with me for missing fire once in a while.

No. 76, I am glad to state, is doing fine, growing slowly but surely, and we have at least half a dozen on the string for an introduction into the mysteries of our order. I wish we had a hundred. I would like to

see every man working at electrical work come into the union, it's a grand thing, the idea of unionism. It unites fellow workmen in a bond of good fellowship, and it protects and aids men in a thousand different ways. There are so many things that men will do for each other if they belong to the union that they won't do if they do not belong. Keep the banner to the front, boys. We will come out more than conquerors yet. If you want to see what the union will do for itself just drop into Seattle some time. She is getting to the front as a union town, and I am glad to see it, for it may soon help us over here in Tacoma. By the way, we are doing all we can for ourselves. We have lost a few good members by their moving away, and we expect to lose another soon. Bro. Boyha, who will soon be starting across the big pond to take in the circus and some of the side shows at gay Paris. He will also visit his native country, Germany. Fred, we all hope you have a good time, full of pleasure and profit. Fred Boyha is one of the old timers here in Tacoma, and one of our pillars in the union. We will miss him and will be more than glad to welcome him back.

Well its late and I will stop. To-morrow is election here in Tacoma; we will no doubt want to stay up to-morrow night and hear who comes out on top.

We extend a cordial welcome to all who may come this way who have pressed the button. There is plenty of work here on the coast, and we are having excellent weather. The boys here are all feeling good. I don't know how they will feel after to-morrow. If you pull the right string, boys, you will probably hold your jobs for another two years. (This to the city gang.)

No. 76 sends regards to the Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

E. P. CONKLIN,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 79.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well I suppose you can all say its about time 79 was heard from somewhere else besides in the directory, nevertheless we are still very much alive and nabbing the boys as they come along. We had a friendly call from Scar-face Daly as he made his rounds, but he failed to meet with any encouragement and I don't think he will have the nerve to again face a similar reception.

Bro. Wm. Reilly is appointed general foreman with the Syracuse Telephone Co., so uff said as far as scabs or non-union men trying to hit the timbers for Billy. They had better give him a wide berth.

Bro. George is rushing his sailors down the pike putting on another arm and running a pair of coppers from Syracuse to

Utica. I saw him a few moments Saturday evening. I asked him about the condition of the roads and he said he had just dispensed with his snow plow; But little things don't trouble George. He overlooks them.

Bro. John Croon is a regular veteran on the warpath. He lays for all new comers. If they carry the hooks, Jack makes it his business to see that a card accompanies them. If all the boys had Jack's views on unionism the curb stone agitator and the bar-room orator would compound their ideas and deliver them in the hall at our regular meetings; also a few others who have forgotten the entering sign might conclude to avail a couple of dates each month from their diary and attend meetings, if only to help fill up the vacant chairs.

Bro. Tyrell has dispensed with a very handsome crop of whiskers which were the pride and almost the ruin of the Syracuse Telephone Co., by the amount of red paint they absorbed while the owner was decorating. Doc. is a good fellow and hard worker for the union. We have in our midst a member of 44's, L. J. Crouch known as Tom. He is examining a gang for the C. N. Y. Tel. Co.

The opposition telephone company is ready to open for business with a subscription list of 2,000, and I can see some slashing and cutting of rates and several other things. By the attitude of the new company they act as if they meant business and have come to stay.

Well, boys I guess I had better ring off before someone cuts the hose. With best wishes to all I am,

Fraternally yours,

D. J. CAMBRIDGE,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., April 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with sincere pleasure that I again have the honor to give the boys another monthly greeting. Although it has been some time since I have executed my duty in this respect; however I shall endeavor to repair the neglect this time as far as possible.

Since the summer left here it has been somewhat quiet in the working circles. Quite a number of the boys got discharged. Bro. Burnett took charge of a gang for the Smith-Courtney Co., of Richmond; he turned a good trick for us the other day. He had a couple of non-union men working under him and just invited them off and put on two of the brothers. Bro. Schaffner is still doing good work for the Brotherhood.

Bros. Thomason and Davis left some time since for Baltimore. We are all united in wishing them, in conjunction with 27, all the success possible to men of



our craft. Bros. W. C. Alley and Perry are working for a Philadelphia brother who has charge of the installation of a plant in the Lambert's Point silk mills.

We will celebrate our anniversary the 4th of May by giving a smoker and afterwards will come refreshments in the shape of iced drinks, cake, ice cream and fruit. Bros. Schaffner, Meeks and Baush, have been appointed as the entertainment committee. As this committee is composed of wide-awake boys I extend the promise of a good time to all who will do us the honor to come around. This will be one place where, if you have no money, you can come around.

Now to you fellows who are still out of the union: There are some of you who have been approached from time to time. In some cases we are told by you that you are heartily in favor of unions; you would like to see every man in the union. Most likely you will say: Yes, you have been thinking about joining; am going to do so just as soon as I make certain arrangements. Nine times out of ten that is the last we hear of you until we come to see you again. Another class will say: Yes, a good thing, but it does not suit me to belong to it; another will say: it is a good thing if you can get all your men to stick together, we all know that. Then he will tell you he does not think he will come in yet, will wait awhile and see if it amounts to anything. If it does any good he will come in then. Well, I guess he will, nit. There is still another kind, who will come right out and tell you he will not join because he does not believe in it. This man I honor and will trust him farther than any of the others, because he is not afraid to express his true feelings about the matter. But we will cut the last man out of the discussion, because there are so few of his kind that all combined they will still be unable to cut any blocks. I wish to say to the others—that as they do unto the union men so the union men will, to a certain extent, do unto them. By your neglect in becoming members you are throwing that much more load on those who are working for that which will be a benefit to one and all. Any honest, thinking man will see that it is his duty to belong to a union. It is the duty of not only the journeymen, but the foremen, the leading men, and even the quartermen. None of you are too good to join our Brotherhood. One is no more secure in his position than the other. If the journeymen's pay is increased and his hours of toil shortened, won't yours be also? If his condition is improved, it is a natural consequence when yours is improved. Who brings about this improvement, your employer? Yes! But not until he is forced into it. Who forces him? Do you? No; does the syndicate he represents? No; but organized labor does. Therefore, I say, you are in duty bound to

join the ranks of organized labor. Unless you want something for nothing you must get on our side of the fence and help fight our fights from the proper side. Do not try to stand or rather bask in the sunshine of capital, you are only chasing a chimera, and will be the only one deceived, for we will not forget you and capital never thought enough of you to have to forget you.

It is an undisputed fact that union labor has done that which our capitalists and our houses of legislature never would have done for us—that is stopping to a large extent the decrease of wages and the increase of hours and reversing the order of things, for we have now gotten a better headway toward shortening the number of hours and increasing the wages. This has already been done in numerous sections.

Hoping these few crazy shots of mine may be the cause of some one awakening to a realization of the error of his ways, and as a remedy will join our company, I will make a departure by saying that to any brothers who are in our town on the date of our smoker we will with pleasure extend a hearty welcome and a realization of our appreciation of your distinguished presence.

I believe I will close, as I just thought of it, I will have another chance next month.

C. W. BREEDLOVE,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With your kind attention for a few minutes I will endeavor to inform the brothers of the Electrical Workers in Atlanta, and the State of Georgia in general, we have been organized nine months and have been climbing the best we could as we went along. Well, here goes. First of all, to explain to the brothers how we came to be organized. W. D. O'Halloran and J. W. Wilson, while seated in soft chairs in the elegant marble hall of the Hotel Aragon, Jr., at 91 Lloyd street, perusing the daily papers and smoking Havanas until Doc's mustache was singed, they leisurely proceeded to the buffet, and while sipping the rich wines of Host Wilson (better known as Doc., on account of his professional appearance), mentioned to Billy that they start a union. "I am with you from start to finish," he replied. They sent the bell boy after a hack, or carriage, I would say, and proceeded to rent a hall for a meeting at the Federation of Trades building. The boys met on the following night, secured 18 names, elected officers and sent for a charter. We have now reached the 100 mark. Therefore these men were the originators of Local 84. Among the foremost workers for the union after we organized was B. F. Haines, past financial secretary, who served a term and

a half and is now assistant foreman for Mr. Hutt in Newport News, Va. We all regretted to see Mr. Haines leave here, and I am sorry to say his loyalty to the Brotherhood cost him his job. But as he is a wire-fixer from your heart it was no trouble for him to get a job. The Bell people employ all union men, and sent him to the above-named place. The Ga Electric Light Co. also employs all union men. These people have never interfered with our rights and privileges as American citizens. We also have a contractor who does the largest business in Atlanta, who employs nothing but union men. It is Gate City Electric Supply Co., Mr. Turner, Mgr. and Pres. So much for our friends which we are pleased to call.

Mr. J. B. Owens, chief foreman of construction, left here for Columbus, Ga., and you could hear the remarks that he took the best gang of linemen that ever left Atlanta.

I have just come from the meeting. The receipts were \$46; expenses, \$3. Communications were read from all parts of the United States—from up home, down home, and everywhere else; one from Mr. Cooper and W. D. Reynolds, who has joined the snow-diggers. He says they sure treated him all O. K. in Cleveland, O. Well, they can rest assured that the swamp angels will do the same for them.

Bro. W. R. Johnson, who is always working for the Brotherhood, wrote a letter here that they had organized a union in Columbus. The names of the men in this solid gang of union men are Dr. Wilson, the swamp angel, W. R. Johnson, E. Hoskinson, F. Neff, Chas. Moore (40), C. S. Tyner, E. Newman, Chas. Evans, J. F. Bell, Vents Fourlough. There are a great many more of the brothers' names I would like to mention, but have not the time. I will, in the next Worker, write of Mr. Riely's force, Mr. Pease's, Dr. Bell, and also James Wallace, who, I understand, has taken Bro. Stanford's place. Those are all solid union gangs.

Bro. Stanford left for Seattle, Wash., last Tuesday evening. We all regretted to see him leave, and the local in Seattle will be fortunate in securing such a good member. Well, I will blow this fuse for tonight.

Yours truly,

GEO. EDWARDS.

#### Local Union No. 85.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We greet all with welcome, for this is Local 85 and we are living easy, but I am very sorry to report that we have lost a brother, who was electrocuted on Jackson St. It is a shame, that after he was dead, in taking him down his body was let drop. He was the sole support of his widowed mother and two sisters, that is Mr. Fate Wynn, and it was just a short while before they told the boys that if they belonged to

the union that they were going to discharge them. They were going to nip this union in the bud, but after looking around and finding it too warm they dropped it and we have not heard anything since, for we are union people and this is a union town, and if the boys have not got a card they had better keep going.

Tell you something about 85: Well, there is Tom Dysard. Everybody knows him as Windy Tom, but you can gamble that he is using all his mind for 85. At present Tom is mad, for he got a couple of the boys to help him out one day and gave them a pint and was to pay them for their evening's work, but they flew and am sorry to see Tom done that way for he is all right and is good for 2 bits any old time.

We are going to have Merry Makers' week, and one day is devoted to labor, and we are going to be in the swim, and all the boys who are this way are invited to come around. We expect a lot of the boys from 84 down, and will do our best to give them a good time.

Here are the officers of Local 85:

Prest.—Buram Mitchell.

Vice-Prest.—W. J. Cockcroft.

Treas.—J. Clemans.

R. S.—H. E. Lingle.

Fin. Sec'y—H. Tice.

Yours respectfully,

LUKE COLLINS.

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 87.

Newark, N. J., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Will give you news in brief for this month. The union men recently out on strike in Newark are receiving anything but good treatment and are not surprised to find it the case. If they can't do you one way they will another. They made it so disagreeable for me that I quit and I think it will be a case of freeze-out with the most of them. I am sorry to see it.

Bro. Chas. D. Hatt deposited his card in No. 87 a short time ago and is working in Orange for the light company at present. There is plenty of work around here just now and I think it will be a good season for the linemen in this vicinity. The Knickerbocker Tel. Co. is intending to do a great deal of work this summer. It has bought up most of the new companies in the smaller towns. Its office is at 100 Broadway, 17th floor, so any brother striking in here will know where to find them in New York. The sun is on both sides of the fence now and they will be floating soon.

The Edison Light Co. in Brooklyn is putting on several men, as usual in the spring. As I have worked hard all day will cut it short and go to bed.

Yours fraternally,

R. M. REED,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 88.

Savannah, Ga., April 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union 88 all serene, had company, got company and more coming. Bro. Mays Charleston, who has been down to Tampa, looks brown and happy; says Flo's slow.

Criscohn, inside Philadel., says we are "hummers," and you ought to have heard the fellows say, "I told you so." Bro.

Dodge, a good fellow and competent workman, has left us after a stay of four weeks. Success to him.

The apprentices of the Bell Telephone Co., whom we referred to in last month's issue, are not electrical workers in any sense of the word, they being connected with the inspector's department of that Co., and not with the splicers.

Johnnie Butler, of the Georgia Tel. Co., will say: Hello, central, on or about April 12th, migrating brothers in good standing take notice. Everything is working smoothly in 88 and down to a hard working business basis with initiations of five and six at a meeting. The more the merrier. More next issue.

H. H. BURT,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 89.

Akron, O., April 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 89 held an open meeting on Saturday night, March 17th, and had good success, as on the following meeting night we added nine new lights to our circuit, and received applications for several more to be acted on at the next meeting. That is not so bad, is it, for our first open meeting? You will see by the following newspaper clippings that we were some currents on that night:

#### VISITED THE UNION.

Akron, O., March 19.—Thos. Wheeler, of Cleveland, international grand president of electrical workers, visited the union here, Saturday evening. Joseph Dooley, Wm. Dickson, Geo. H. Gleason, Adam Yost and Al Boulton of Cleveland also attended.—Cleveland Press.

#### ELECTRICAL WORKERS ENTERTAIN.

The local union of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers held a social session Saturday evening. International Grand President Thomas Wheeler, Joseph Dooley, business agent of union No. 39, Wm. Dickson, business agent of union No. 38, Geo. H. Gleason, Adam Yost and Al Boulton of Cleveland were present, and an interesting meeting was held. Several interesting and highly instructive talks were made by the visiting brethren. Among these were excellent addresses by President Wheeler and George Gleason. At the conclusion of the program a banquet was served to the So guests.—Akron Beacon Journal.

#### I. B. OF E. W.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Akron were honored with the presence of International Grand President Thomas Wheeler of Cleveland, and Jos. Dooley, business agent of Cleveland

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Wm. Dickson, business agent of No. 38, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. With those officers were Geo. H. Gleason, Adam Yost, Al Boulton of Cleveland. J. A. Townsend, local president, called the meeting to order and those who were present were delighted with the fine program. Mr. Wheeler made a short address. Geo. H. Gleason was on the program, and he left some warm electrical sparks for our boys to remember. After meeting adjourned a lunch was served to about 80 members.—Democrat.

You will also see that we were honored with the presence of our Grand President, Thomas Wheeler, and that some of the boys from 38 and 39 were with us on that night and helped us out in great shape. Along with these we had Mr. Mahoney, president of the Central Labor Union of Akron. He told the boys something about unionism and the benefits that were derived from it. Now it is worth going a long ways to hear him speak on the labor question. He has been a great help to our local here, and in fact to all labor organizations in Akron, for he is a brother from way back. Bro. Geo. Gleason you will see left something for the boys to remember here in Akron. Hope he will call again. You all know how Bro. Thomas Wheeler is on the question of organized labor, but for the boys who have not been fortunate enough to have listened to him, I will say that he is the warmest one out, in fact 109 in the clear, and hope that he will soon reach the 125 mark, if not higher. Call again Bro. Wheeler, as we will be glad to see you at anytime.

We were very sorry some of the boys could not stay longer, but as they had to return to Cleveland they missed that box of nails the boys had laid up in the back room, along with several other things too numerous to think about.

Bro. Wm. Collins, from No. 72 of Waco, Tex., deposited his card with us but left to-day for Columbus, O., so you see our gain of one is lost again. Bro. Collins has been on the sick list for the past three weeks. Bro. Collins wants to know what is the matter with Bro. Jack Kane of 72, as he has not seen anything in the Worker for three months. Wake up Jack and tell us about your town and about those fellows who come in the room in their stocking feet, as Bro. Collins says you give them a real warm one, having no hot fire in your stove to make it warm for them.

Bro. Tim Lanahan deposited his card from No. 4 of New Orleans but, like the rest of us, his feet got to bothering him after the lay-off and where, oh where is he? Bro. Frank Brown put his in from No. 14 of Pittsburgh, but of course Frank has gone. He is located, as I just received a letter from him and Jack Ely and they are in that pretty place, Erie, Pa. No. 56 is ahead of us two good men.

Bro. Chris. Miller goes from the field of 89 but as he has not straightened his feet

out can not tell where he will be at. The cause of it all is that on Tuesday morning, March 27th, the Akron Peoples' Telephone Co., discharged all men who carried diplomas in the shape of union cards, but in order to give us no chance to get back at them let one non-union man go with us. A committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Freese, the manager; along with the committee was Mr. Wm. Mahoney, president of the Central Labor Union. Mr. Freese says he was sick at the time and has in fact been sick for ten days, and did not know what was the reason, but as the work was in charge of the Western Reserve Construction Co., and Mr. Conklin was their superintendent at the time he did not suppose that it would have made any difference. Mr. Conklin has since left here and left the work in charge of his foreman, Andy Loffman. He (Mr Freese) will talk the matter up with him and let us know the result. Mr. Freese said that when the work was turned over to the home company that union men would stand the best show for work, as he had rather have them than men who were brought in town and had to be tied to the car track for a few days so they would get used to the cars as they pass by. Now, boys, Mr. Conklin has formed a company, known as the Conklin Construction Co., so look out for this combination and you will find these men with them who have no use for a union man: Andy Loffman, ——— Seamore and Curt. Bounds.

This is not the first time they have fired union men, as last winter, just after Sg was organized here, they fired five as good union workmen as ever went up a stick. Boys in New Phillie, do you remember Fred Bein, the scab, at heart, who tried to wear the overcoat last winter and the boys objected to? Well, he got it bodily the other day. Michael Jennings, our worthy R. S., who took his place, is still with us, but I am afraid that he and I will have to form a committee of two and hop out and look for work. Nuff said; look out for that combination as I have been informed that they go to Aurora or Peoria, Ill., from here. They have a scab time keeper from Cleveland with them by the name of Lervius.

Our Bro. Art. (Kid) Collins is still with us splicing cables. Now boys do not come to Akron for work of any kind as cable work of all kinds and linework is about wound up, and there are no \$3.50 or \$4.50 jobs here.

Bro. Doc. Otis of Dallas, Tex., has a gang of men for the Central Union Co. here. He sent all his men in to the local to get diplomas but was sorry some were not long enough in the business to come in as linemen, and as we have no apprenticeship list here yet, we could not do any thing for them. Hope that other foremen will take pattern after Bro. Otis and send

in their men, who have not got cards to some local close at hand. As 109 locals cover a good deal of ground, you have some one of them close enough to you to do it. Follow suit or trump.

Bro. Nick Herrick says he has the only job there is riding his horseless wagon in Webster, Camp & Lane's machine shop. He has helped do some good work there as everything is in first class shape now, along with his electric crane, which he is very proud of and I do not blame him as it is a good one of 15 tons capacity.

Well, I will now shut off, hoping to see all locals from No. 1 to 109 with something in every month.

We are as ever, our grand president's baby.  
J. A. TOWNSEND,  
Press Sec.

Akron, Ohio, April 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is but a short time ago since I sent a few lines to you for publication, and here are a few more. No. 89 is getting along nicely. We have closed the circuit on seven new members since my last letter and have some more to knock the crosses out of at our next meeting. We have had some very bad things to contend with and they are not yet all out of our road, but what is a victory if you don't have to fight for it. These old wire graft men are great fellows to fight at times, but not always in the right way. No. 89 started in with eight charter members and shortly after we were organized four union men were laid off, but not one non-union man. That gave us a hard bit but we got on our feet again; then they took another shot at us, the same company and the same man, Andy Laughman, he laid off five union men and one non-union man, but the laying off of this one non-union man was for a purpose. That company has but one union man left at this writing and he has not been to a meeting for two months. That is the reason he has not been laid off, I guess. This has not been settled yet. Of the men that have stayed by the company all winter, worked on poles when it was too bad for a person to be out of doors, then get turned down and their jobs given to floaters who won't go in the union and say it is a fake. It looks too thin to drop it so soon, and there are still some members in 89 who are not so afraid of their jobs that they would run one mile after a little bunch of junk just to get a stand in with some of those non-union fakirs.

The Central Union. Tel. Co. has but few men working on construction work now, as they have their new work nearly completed. The opposition have got their cable all strung and pretty near all splicing done. Akron is not a very good place to unload just at present and I don't think it ever will be, for there is a class of people here who would not go in a union to save

their necks for fear they would lose their jobs. There is a fellow working here by the name of Phil Ayers. He is with the Akron Light Co.

No. 98 has had the pleasure of shaking the paw of some brothers from different locals. The fellow who is trying to write this shook the hand of one of those funny handshakers and got shook out of a few shoops. That is a very bad thing for a brother to practice, to go from place to place and live off of some brother, borrow coin, then jump out of town and never so much as thank him for the trouble of being touched. Look out brothers, for there will be a time you might feel very sorry for such an act and if you were to get the cold shoulder turned to you whose fault would it be? Remember, and don't cast any reflections. Brothers, be a man; if you have nothing to do study the word union, for there are so many who don't know what union means and it is something that all union men should consider well the meaning.

There has been a brother by the name of Charles Little, carrying a card from some local in California, working in Akron for six months and never came to one meeting, and never presented his card. He has left for Columbus, Ohio. That is a peculiar thing for a brother who claims to be in good standing and can not attend meetings.

Well, as I have got to throw the switch on the supper circuit I will close, wishing success to all along the line.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES MILLER, Treas.,

307 E. Mill street.

P. S.—If any brother knows the whereabouts of Brothers Jack Patton or Kid Worline please favor the above writer by sending him their address. Yes, Jack and Kid, I would like to hear from you; so if you should see this send a letter to Sg of Akron.

#### Local Union No. 90.

New Haven, Conn., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Again it is time for us to speak our little piece, so I will endeavor to let you know No. 90 is prospering. Everything remains about the same around here. Most everyone is working and think it is only a matter of a short time when there will be work for all, as there is only one brother out of work.

We are still striving to induce our fellow workers to join us and we are of the opinion that we will have a different report in the near future. We have added new lights during the month and expect to do better this month.

How noticeable it is the workingman is getting more educated in the way of knowing that if he is to receive anything in the way of higher wages or to reach a higher standard in life, or even be allowed to par-

ticipate in the worldly pleasures which were allotted for the accumulators of wealth as well as the distributors of wealth, they must do so themselves—for well have they been convinced in the last three years that the so-called money men are not running this country for the welfare of the working people. Therefore, the people of the different classes of work, have, and are still, organizing and forming unions and getting more and more compact every day, and by so doing, and all coming together, under the one head the working-classes, and if they will only hold together as the money men do, there is no reason to think that they are not a sure winner. Things must be changed, the workingman must have more power in the future. Look how wages are dropping where they are not supported, also see where everything that the workman must have has risen to. Is it any reason that the poor man cannot rise when the rich are on top holding them below the level. Consequently, let us as a branch of this undertaking, do our share though we may not be as strong as some of the other organizations. We can help. So come, brothers, let everybody strive together for it is said that in union there is strength; one man cannot build heavy lines, but with the aid of his comrades they can accomplish many things—the same in our case.

We are with you brothers of 51 and hope you all may receive your just belongings, and no doubt you will when it is seen how well and how gentlemanly we won out with the telephone people.

I am afraid you will see a bill in the Worker this month for a pair of snow shoes or a hell to protect one of our roaming brothers, yet I hardly think he would need neither. If there was a non-union man around that he could talk to he would melt his way out all right. It is plain to see he is prosperous or he would return to the old territory.

Some of the brothers have been affected with colds and grip, but none so serious as to need assistance, and we hope no more cases will be called next meeting.

We expect quite a busy season, but at present there is only enough for home members, so steer clear of this section for a while at least, and if you haven't a paid-up card you need not come round. Wishing you all success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

S. JOHNSON,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 92.

Charleston, S. C., March 19, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I thought I would write to let you know we are still in the land of the living, and also doing business in the same old place. So far our local has proved a success; there is no use talking, you have got to be

a brother in good standing with your card O. K. or you can't work at the electrical business in Charleston. There are two shops here that are on the scab list, but we are going to take one into our fold at next meeting, so that only leaves one outside the union in the city, and that one does not amount to very much because they are working kids, who don't come under the requirements of the union, and therefore we can't take them in. Well, at the present time we have all the work we can do.

The Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Light Co. is building a new light and power station and making extensive repairs on their lines, also building a new eight-o lead from the power house down Meeting to Calhoun street. We are going to take out all the old direct arc lamps and put in all new alternating ones for illuminating the city. I am glad to say that every man who adorns himself with a pair of climbers has to have his card before he can go to work. There is a movement on foot here to organize another light and power plant and if the movement goes through, and I think it will, with the South Carolina Exposition which is to take place here in 1901, we can very handily look out for a few outside brothers if they come this way with good health certificates.

We gave a smoker at our hall a few meetings ago. I think it was one of the first to be given by organized labor in the City by the Sea. We had a rousing good time and invited members from all of the unions in the city. The old reliable war horse, Uncle Rastus, was with us, and he made a rousing good speech on unionism, entitled "An Honest Day's Pay for an Honest Day's Work." Bro. Brown, of Local 84, also gave quite a nice little talk. Our president, Steve Welch, rendered us a few very fine vocal selections. Bros. Bee and Foeman entertained us with a couple of their high-class specialties, on one of which, the Honolulu dance, they were called out again and some of the brothers even went so far as to get a hand ax and dare them to come out, but they settled the difficulty by mutual consent and calling on the mixologist, who served them with some of Ben Tillman's famous dispensary "Hog." The only bad thing about the affair was that we were unable to obtain union-made cigars in the city. But we will be sure not to let that happen again if we have to send off to get them; otherwise everything was union, even to the band. I am glad to say that of all the members who attended not one got hypnotized. The circuit breaker blew out at 1 o'clock, every one declaring they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Bell Phone people have just got through with quite a lot of rebuilding here and I am glad to say all had their cards.

We tried to make their stay in the city as pleasant as possible and the day they left there was a delegation down to the train to see them off. Quite a number of our members went with them. They are now down through Florida and we hear from them occasionally; they say they are spreading the glad tidings of unionism all through the Land of Flowers.

Well, I will have to short circuit this letter, wishing all the brothers success.

Yours fraternally,

G. CLINTON ARNAN,

Press Sec.

Arrived too late for March issue.—Ed.

#### Local Union No. 95.

Joplin, Mo., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The following constitutes the workings of our local for some weeks past: There has been quite a number of changes in its personality of late. President R. E. Burke resigned on March 26th and accepted a more lucrative position as Supt. of the Argentine, Kas., Light and Water Company. Bro. Burke made us a splendid officer and many were the regrets expressed, both before and after his departure. We all wish him success in his upward flight as it were, as he is deserving for his true faithfulness. By a unanimous vote of the local Bro. B. A. Stephens was elected to fill the chair and will make us a good officer, owing to previous experience in local work. Bro. C. F. Peeler resigned as press sec'y at the same time as President Burke, and has accepted a position as second engineer with the S. W. Mo. Lt. Co.

Bro. Jim Jackson left April 3 for Wichita, Kansas, where he will take charge of a gang doing construction work for the street railway company. He assured us that union labor would be strictly adhered to.

Never before has there been such harmony among the electrical working people of this vicinity as since the organization of L. U. No. 95. The organizer caused quite an amount of trouble among the members by his talkativeness, but since his departure everything has been lovely.

On March 21 we gave our first annual ball, which was a success in every way. To give you some idea of what it was: Germania Hall is 45 x 120 feet, streamers of red, white and blue lights were strung from every corner of the room to the center, the wire and sockets being hidden by a wide strip of red, white and blue bunting stretched just below. A hole was punched to allow the lamp to be inserted in the socket. Where the streamers crossed in the center of the room a large star was hung beneath, decorated with the national colors in lights. On one side of the center was a large Chinese umbrella, decorated in the same colors, and from the tip of every rib was dropped a 16 c. p. lamp frosted, as were the lamps on the handle.

On the end of the handle was a cluster formed of lamps in the national colors. To the other side of the center was a large circle with a star in the center, decorated in the same manner. Over each of the sixteen windows was a large circle also decorated, and at the entrance to the hall was a large arch of colored lights and in the hall a large rosette of 32 colored lights. The balcony was a bowery of lights and bunting. In one end of the hall was a large "now you see it, now you don't see it," transparency, which was as follows: "Welcome to the first annual ball, Local Union No. 95, I. B. E. W." This transparency was flashed every few seconds with blue and red lights. Under this transparency was a large flag, 8 x 12, decorated in the stars and bars with colored lights. In one corner of the room was a 20 foot pole decorated in the national colors, and colored lamps used as steps and pins on the cross arm. A commutator had been arranged so as to light each lamp separately, commencing at bottom and running to top and down again. The price of tickets was \$1.00, and although it rained early in the evening there were too many people in attendance to enjoy the dancing, accompanied by the splendid Club Theatre orchestra, which is the only union musical organization in southwest Missouri. There were just as many people on the floor in the last dance as the first, and a great many were from surrounding cities. The hall was first dimly lighted by our so-called gas, but when the grand march was called at 9 p. m., it was soon a blaze of light. People clapped their hands the whole evening. A newspaper account would occupy too much space, but it was a grand success, and we expect to repeat it annually. L. U. 95 desires to thank the S. W. Mo. Lt. Co., for material and power furnished gratis, and you can depend the S. W. Co. will always find a warm spot in every member.

We have a few "troubles of our own." The attached clippings will impart the information:

#### ELECTRICAL WORKERS OUT.

The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Joplin Union 95, have been seeking to standardize the wages in this city.

According to the representatives of the order, the Joplin and Bell Telephone companies are the only concerns employing electricians that fail to pay the standard wages.

Yesterday at 1 o'clock the following agreement was submitted in writing to the officials of the companies by the linemen employed by them:

Joplin, Mo., April 2nd, 1900: To the employers of the Electrical Workers of Joplin, Mo.:

Gentlemen:—We, the Electrical Workers of Joplin, Mo., respectfully ask that

you co-operate with us in bettering the general condition of work and standardizing a scale of wages. We respectfully ask:

First—That where possible you employ none but union workers.

Second—That journeymen linemen receive \$2.25 per 9 hour day.

Third—That journeymen linemen by the month receive not less than \$60.00 per month.

Fourth—That inside wiremen receive \$2.50 per 9 hour day.

Fifth—That all Electrical Workers, working by the day, receive time and half for overtime. Sunday to be considered overtime.

No individual agreement between any member of this union and any party signing this agreement shall in any way alter or modify the terms of this agreement.

No individual firm or corporation signing this agreement shall employ more than one (1) apprentice or helper to one (1) journeyman wireman.

All differences arising between the parties of this agreement shall be referred for settlement to an arbitration committee.

This arbitration committee shall consist of one member of the Union, one employer and a third party who is not directly interested, to be selected by the first two, and the decision of this committee in all matters affecting the terms of this agreement shall be final.

It is distinctly understood that no member of this Union shall contract for any work other than for his employer while regularly employed by any individual, firm or corporation signing this agreement, except by permission from his employer.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 95.

B. A. STEPHENS, Pres.,

F. D. HORTON, Sec'y.

This agreement to take effect Monday, April 9th, 1900, and to continue in force until annulled in writing by parties wishing to change agreement.

Notice to be given 30 days prior to change of agreement.

The officials of both companies refused to accede to any or all these demands.

Upon this refusal, the linemen of both companies walked out. Twelve in all quit work at the Joplin Telephone Company. Five groundmen employed by the latter company also quit work. They receive \$1.50 per day and demand no increase. They struck out of sympathy with the linemen.

Late yesterday evening the officials of the Bell Telephone Company requested another copy of the agreement to take under advisement. They intimated that they had not understood the matter as first presented.

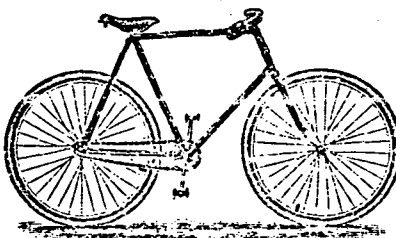
A favorable settlement is looked for with this company by the representatives of the union.

After due conference a committee of Bros. Horton, Manning and Wilson were appointed to wait upon the Joplin Tel. Co., but were ignored. The Bell Tel. Co., City, and S. W. Mo. Lt. Co. agreed at once to the scale, but the Joplin Tel. Co. said they could get all the men they wanted. They have telegraphed all over the country, and as fast as the men arrive they are waited upon by a committee, and so far they have railroaded every man. When new arrivals learn the situation here they pass on. All the strikers are quiet except one, Wm. Lufkin, who proceeded to get drunk and loud. He is the only member of No. 95 who so far forgot the true principles of man. His money running short, he pawned Bro. Fisher's belt and his own hooks for a small sum and left town, leaving behind a true wife in a delicate condition. She is at present being cared for by friends but L. U. 95 will see that she reaches her home in Illinois, and Sir Wm's. case will be attended to at our next regular meeting.

Chas. W. Graber, who is on the Cleveland scab list, is in Joplin, working for the Bell Co. Graber is a Joplin boy and only a few days after his arrival from the east lost his only child. He was in very bad circumstances and nothing has been done with his case, but will be later on. Graber graduated from the Bell office in this city as inside man, and is now at his old job.

We have several new members and several applications. When they go through

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Bro. F. J. Costella of Local Union No. 18, is to return to Joplin as inside wireman for the S. W. Mo. Lt. Co. Jack will be welcomed.

JOHN H. DAWSON,  
 Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 98.**

Philadelphia, April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Many men have many minds, and the truth of this axiom is never so markedly exemplified as when the average question comes up for discussion upon the floor of No. 98. But right here let us note that any question touching the program as mapped out for May day meets with a singular and significant unanimity of opinion that bids fair to carry the movement to success by its sheer momentum. The same spirit being manifest in the meetings of the Allied Council of Building Trades, a body now representing thirty-three building trades unions with a membership in the aggregate of upwards of 20,000 men, the element of failure through disagreement is, within human certainty, nil.

Upon the evening of April 30th will another surprise be sprung upon the natives in this bailiwick. The entire membership

of the Allied Council of Building Trades, together with the United Labor League and United German Trades Union, will give a night procession. It is estimated that fully 60,000 men will be in line. All contractors, builders, and employers of labor are cordially invited to stand along the curb and watch the mechanical skill, bone and muscle of Philadelphia pass in review.

In our next letter we expect to tell how it all happened, how the day after the parade the contractors association, dazed at our front, came up like little men, and, accepting the inevitable, fought tooth and nail for the privilege of being the first signer of the agreement, and then, as they say in story-books, master and man will "live happily ever after." Then will May 1st, 1900, be a pleasant memory and a red letter day in Philadelphia's history. But now let me add that as preparation, moral and financial, is of paramount importance in our coming passage at arms it behooves every man who is a man to brace himself and his union by the prompt payment of any indebtedness he may be under to his local and when the moment arrives, to stand rigidly by his colors until the end. In this way and this way only, can anything be accomplished.

A cable message to the Philadelphia Record from Paris says: "Chinese work-

men at the Exposition grounds went on strike to-day in highly original fashion. When the contractor came down to the grounds they seized him, tied him to a stone and beat him with sticks until he promised to grant their demands. Seventeen of the workmen were arrested but were set at liberty in a short time, as the contractor would not prosecute them." Now that method of argument could not obtain in our case, but it is patent that many contractors could never see the point in any other way, and while we cannot literally follow this example, there is a moral whipping into line that may prove just as efficacious.

President H. H. Caldwell, of Allied Building Trades, a member of No. 98, I. B. E. W., is doing yeoman service for the cause, in the masterly manner in which he tackles the firms operating breweries, department stores and manufacturing establishments, and the fruits of his labors in this direction are at hand. Already several such firms have signed agreements with him, that none but union men shall be in their employ. This has had the effect of driving into the various trade unions many old chronic scabs—who thought they had encountered an earthquake. As a mark of appreciation of his services, which had previously been given gratuitously, and at considerable detriment to himself, the Al-



lied Council Building Trades voted him a salary of \$3.50 per day.

He is also fathering a movement about to be put on foot to start a daily newspaper printed and edited in the interest of unionism and employing only union help and owned by the workingmen, who shall subscribe for stock at a par value of one dollar, but all holders of stock shall be entitled to but one vote, irrespective of the amount of their holding. It is needless to say that from the very start such a paper would enjoy a wide circulation.

Since our last letter we have swelled our membership to 348, but inexorable death has claimed two of our members, the action taken upon the death of one being noted elsewhere.

A "farmer" struck town not long ago and was working for one of the larger contracting firms. They sent him on the roof of their building to repair a line over which they supplied lighting current to some of their neighbors. Now Mr. Hecker in some way managed to work himself into the circuit, with the result that 110 volts trickled through his anatomy. Down jumps the hayseed, and when he could articulate said "He'd be gol darned if he was going to work up their." When asked the reason he said, "Why, laws, man I was nearly killed." He was assured that nobody in the firm's employ had ever required an undertaker's services from contact with 110 volts, but he stoutly maintained that "it must have been 220 volts any way, by gosh! because you can go up and see where my shoes burned the paint off the roof." The gentleman was standing on wet paint where the roof had been repaired the day before, and this is the kind of cattle that are trying to hold down a good man's job.

Business in most of the building branches is very flat as contractors are afraid to assume any new contracts until after May 1st, which shows that we have them guessing hard.

Fraternally,  
SID, Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 102.

Paterson, N. J., April, 1900.

Editor, Electrical Worker:

Once more I have to undergo the agony of racking my brain for something to contribute to our most worthy journal (which by the way I skipped last month) with apologies to those who have to undergo the agony of reading what I do contribute.

No. 102 is getting on finely and I hope that in a few months we will be able to say that there is not a non-union man in our district except those few who could not get in. We were very fortunate here in regard to scabs during the strike, with the exception of Mr. William MacDonald, who hails from Steubenville, O., and who was hunting trouble at the time and

thought what a good thing it would be to break in a few men for the company and get a pull. He has another gang now but may be looking for a job some of these days and I am very sure that some of the friends(?) he made during the strike will help him (not get one). Brothers, I would not be in Boss Bill's shoes to-day for all the money he could earn in the course of his natural life. There can be some admiration felt for a man who will try to get work done cheap, and even that man admires a man who will stick up for his rights, but for such a man as Bill MacDonald there is no words in the dictionary to express the contempt felt for him by his acquaintances or the general public. Of course the poor man, being married, had a good excuse to offer, which he gave to our boarding lady (Mrs. Haggerty)—"I would go out if it wasn't for my family" (a wife young and healthy). Mrs. Haggerty says, "Bill, if you go out you will never want for a bite to eat or a place to sleep as long as I keep this house." But Bill hummed and hawed and came to the conclusion that he would go in and try to keep the rest of the boys out and get up a reputation for himself, which he did, and one that he will not lose as easy as if he had made it in a more honorable way. Hoping this little roast may serve as a timely lunch to a good many delinquents and touch the right spot of all sympathizers of unionism, I remain,

Yours truly,

JOS. MAHER,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 104.

Boston, Mass., April 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I hope to be excused for not writing a letter to last month's journal, as I am so unaccustomed to writing for the press that I hardly knew which way to commence, so I let it slip by until it was too late for the last issue.

Now, Mr. Editor, we have two local unions in Boston, one for outside electrical workers and one for inside. Up to three months ago there was only one local in Boston, but they had so much business to transact meeting nights that it would take them all night to discuss and argue about it and then they would not get half through. It was causing dissatisfaction among the members and they began to get careless about the union and dropped out one by one, especially the outside men. Finally they concluded to get two charters, which proved very successful to the outside electrical workers or Local 104, which got its new charter three months ago with 13 members. To-day we have 220 members in good standing. The outside electrical workers, as they call themselves, have just awakened from a deep slumber and see now the benefits they

would have derived were they organized strong in Boston years ago.

A committee was appointed to see several of the companies in Boston and they report very favorably. The companies promised the committee to recognize the union any time they were hiring men.

We had several mass meetings, at which the following prominent speakers were present: D. Driscoll, State Fed. of Labor; J. F. O'Sullivan, Organizer A. F. of L.; F. Pickett, Typographical Union; Del. Mulley, B. T. C.; F. J. Kneeland, Pres. C. L. U.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am very sure that Local 104 has a very bright and prosperous future ahead, as there is not a meeting night but what they initiate from 5 to 20 new members.

I hope when the members of 104 read this letter they will elect some one press secretary who understands writing for the press better than I do.

Wishing 104 unbounded success.

J. A. McDONALD,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 104.

Boston, Mass., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 104 held a smoke talk Sunday, April 1st, in Well's Memorial hall. As it was an open meeting quite a number of non-union men took advantage of the opportunity with their presence. By way of a curtain raiser, Bro. Bradford passed around the clay box. It only took a few minutes for the seventy-five or eighty well constituted linemen then present to get their T. D.'s up to the required horse-



power and any one entering the hall would be fully convinced that it was going to be a success. President Birmingham, on opening the meeting, had to explode a couple of socialistic bombs to penetrate the density of the smoke and make the subject of his introduction visible to the audience. Mr. Henry Abrams, secretary of the Central Labor Union of Boston, was the first speaker. In his usual style he held his audience for fully half an hour, pointing out to them the benefits of unionism and thorough organization. Bro. Abrams was followed by Bro. Pike of the portable engineers, Frank K. Foster, Ryan of the iron workers' union, Driscoll of the horseshoers' union, Frank J. O'Hara of the common council, Rep. Higgins, Jonas Werner, pres. Mass. State Branch A. F. of L., Mr. Carter of the cigar makers, and Rep. Carey of Haverhill, who was the last speaker. Among other things, he said he was one time working in a union shoe factory but was now working in a non-union law factory on Beacon Hill, where they manufactured non-union laws without a label. It is needless to say that he impressed those present with his remarks. As a consequence of his masterly style and force, No. 104 added twenty-five new members to its number at the last meeting.

LAMP POST.

**Local Union No 105.**

Hamilton, Can., April 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with great pleasure that I send you my first report from this local, coming as it does from the first union in upper Canada of the Brotherhood, strongly organized with a membership of 45 which we expect to increase to fifty-five next meeting, when we expect to have Bro. Sherman with us to help us along and give us a hand in the good work we have undertaken in this part of the continent. No. 105 feels the responsibility which is placed upon it, standing as it does alone in this vast province, but we expect by constantly keeping the seed, which has taken deep root here, well watered until it shall spring up and its branches reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific, when we shall clasp hands with our brothers to the south of us in one great Brotherhood, whose influence will be felt from one end of the continent to the other. Organizer Flett was telling me that he has got Toronto started out and they are very enthusiastic over it, and if properly organized should make a strong local. He expects to have London in the ring shortly.

All the boys are working, and the prospects indicate a busy summer for inside and outside work. The Cataract Power Co. will build a line to their station, thirty-two miles, two-phase system, with a telephone and lightning arrester, seven wires, this summer, when linemen will be in

demand. We expect to see some of the brothers in our city this summer or next on their way to Buffalo. Should they favor us with a call they will find us at the Sons of England hall, corner of Charles and King street, west, every second and fourth Friday of each month and I would advise the boys to bring their snowshoes as, according to Organizer Wissinger's report of the work in this snow-bound country, they will save the boys a lot of unnecessary work fishing them out of the snow which, according to all reports, reaches the tops of the highest telephone poles. There is no need of climbers here and the boys have a snap hunting trouble. I think the organizer is slightly exaggerating, but anyway we will be glad to see any of the boys passing this way.

Our officers elected are:

Pres.—J. Mitchell.

Vice-Pres.—H. Austin.

Rec. Sec.—C. I. Schwab.

Fin. Sec.—B. Bristol.

Treas.—W. H. Bronson.

Inspectors—H. Buck, V. Murphy.

Foreman—J. Brown.

Trustees—A. Markle, E. A. Work, J. Fisher.

I will draw to a close my first letter, but will try to keep up my end and let the boys know how things are around here. With best wishes to all the brothers, I remain,

Yours truly,

JAS. A. DONALDSON,  
Press Sec.**Local Union No. 109.**

Rock Island, Ill., April 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello central! after being in dreamland for three years we have at last been resurrected and I sincerely hope it may be for good.

Our charter has been open three weeks and we have twenty-seven charter members and more to come in before it closes. The boys seem to be rather slow in waking up but I think they will be all in a bunch before long.

There is plenty of work here at present but there are plenty of linemen to attend to it. Would not advise any one to stray this way for work, but if any one happens to come in need of help I am sure the boys will help them in any way they can. We have no scale of wages at present. The best that is paid being \$2.25 per day and the rest take what they can get.

The following officers were elected:

Pres.—J. M. Cunningham.

Vice-Pres.—Harry Hally.

R. S.—Albert Fox.

F. S.—Pearl Webb.

Treas.—Win. Mullux.

Foreman—Ed. Martin.

Yours truly,

GEO. WEATHERLY,  
P. S.**Local Union No. 111.**

Montreal, Can., April 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I take this means of letting our brothers know of the increase in the family. No. 111 came into existence on the 18th of March through the arduous task of our esteemed Bro. P. H. Wissinger, the result of which was nineteen sprouts—of what I presume will be a good branch of the great tree which spreads its limbs from Maine to Frisco and from Canada to Mexico. We organized with nineteen members on the 18th of March and on the 25th of same month we obligated eleven more. How's that for Montreal! And now at our next meeting we have about twenty-one to initiate. We have been kept so busy at initiating that we don't get much chance for anything else. If they keep a comin' we will have to split soon and then there will be two locals in Montreal. We hope to keep up the good work.

Business is fairly good in Montreal, as there is being erected a number of modern buildings, and they are being equipped accordingly, employing our art quite extensively. Just now there is a demand for men to operate small plants, but employers don't get such men at their demand, because of the rates of wages—which I must say is at bargain day prices, so that we keep working about instead of being cooped up, besides working a day and a half for a day's pay. This state of affairs has always been here, and the employer has ever been the man who fixed the rate of wages, so that many a man, good man, is today supplying his kit of tools and working for \$1.25 per day. Some of you will throw up your hands at this, but what is a fellow to do when he is the bread earner for a family? Can he refuse? No, because the next applicant will accept it. When an employer is asked to raise a man's pay, he will reply: "We cannot afford it." "We can get many others for the same price," or "I will think it over," and in all cases they are thinking yet. For this and many other reasons we are as poor as ever. Now, why were we not organized ten years ago? Why did not the founders of the Brotherhood think of Canada? Perhaps they forgot, and yet, it may have been due to a lack of consideration on both sides; therefore, the workingman is responsible for his own condition. Henceforth we will strive to elevate it.

J. C. GREEN,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 114.**

Toronto, Canada, April 5.

H. W. Sherman, Grand Secretary:

I take pleasure in addressing you under the above title and as Press Sec. of this local, which was organized by Bro. P. H.

Wissinger, Grand Treas., on April 2nd, 1900. I might say that the stirring up which he gave the electrical workers of Toronto is now having a material benefit. We organized with 15 charter members on the above date and have had the pleasure of initiating ten more members this meeting. We trust to be able to keep up the enthusiasm of the members until we get every electrical worker in the city in the order, and then we're going to spread outside. I trust you will excuse the pencil as we are only in temporary quarters now and everything is in accordance.

We all join in sending greetings to our contemporary brothers in the order.

Yours very sincerely.

T. B. EATON,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 120.

London, Ont., April 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Dear sir:—At last we have got the electrical workers organized in this city. One day last week the organizer, P. H. Wissinger, struck this section like a cyclone, and after a couple of days' hustling landed a promising local. The electrical workers of London met last year and organized a union, but when they found they could not secure a charter from the then National Brotherhood, they decided to take no further steps, and so things have held in abeyance until the arrival of Bro. Wissinger. The prospects for a good, hustling local are first class, and there is no doubt that London in the future will give a good account of itself.

This city is a place of 40,000 inhabitants, with 40 organized trade unions. For eleven months a big street car strike has been in operation and the strikers are as firm and confident as on the day they came out. Last year the company acknowledged a loss in receipts alone of \$60,000, and other losses run them up close on to \$200,000.

A big demonstration will be held on May 1st, when Samuel Gompers, of the A. F. of L., will be with us. We expect to win out. The Typographical Union has also been on strike for seven months against several unfair offices, and their label is having an immense boom. During 1899 eighteen unions were formed in the city, and all union labels are having a big demand, so that the new local of electrical workers, if it is made of as good material as the railway men and the printers, will be an acquisition to the international organization.

In this section of Ontario there is a big boom. Organizer Flett, of Hamilton, Ont., organized seven unions in Berlin, Ont., inside of a month. I might state that a large number of electrical workers are constantly passing through London, and a local here will be able probably to do

better missionary work than in any other section of Canada. However, you don't want too long a communication and my time is limited, but when Bro. Wissinger comes across you he will tell you that he saw us. With best wishes for the success of the International. I remain, yours in the cause,

JOS. T. MARRS,  
Press Sec.

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\*Wm. Crossley, Cincinnati, lineman.  
Wm. Colby, "  
\*Robinson, "  
Andy Hiram, "  
Std. Spence, "  
Wm. Bennett, "  
Wm. Griffiths, "  
C. W. Freahr, " and Peoria, Ill.  
\*Wm. Alder, Columbus, lineman.  
\*Frank Grove, Columbus, lineman.  
\*D. R. Davidson, St. Louis.  
Carter, " lineman.  
\*G. Cabanne, "  
\*R. Hurstburgh, "  
\*T. M. Corchran, "  
Dude Loughlin, "  
\*Ed. Delaney, "  
\*Frank Lewin, "  
\*R. W. Gage, "  
Bramhal,  
Ollie (Red) Strausbury, Cleveland.  
W. F. Norton, "  
\*Ed. Cannon, No. 38 "  
A. Saum, "  
\*Cord Chapinan, No. 38, "  
J. C. Quinn, " "  
\*Wm. Grant, "  
\*Nelson Wilson, "  
Arthur Taylor, "  
John McMahon, "  
Kid Loughlin, Covington, Ky.  
\*Chas. Philians, Lima, Ohio.  
\*Pearl Webb, Wabash, Ind.  
\*Fred Collaster, Grand Rapids, Mich.,  
lineman.  
\*Ebey, Holland, Mich., lineman.  
Robert Purselore, Elyria, Lineman.  
Chas. Smith (one eyed) Upper Sandusky,  
Lineman.  
C. W. Graver.

## CLEVELAND ELECTRIC RY.

\*Phil Akers, Local No. 45, Buffalo, N. Y.  
\*Steve Coyne, Local No. 38, Cleveland.  
\*James Holiday, Local No. 38, Cleveland.  
\*James Cummings, Local No. 9, Chicago.  
\*Burk, Milwaukee, Wis.  
\*Flynn, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
\*Smith,  
\*Pat Casey, Local No. 38, Cleveland.  
Gus Johnston,  
Chas. C. Hendershott,  
Tom Warren.

Men Who Scabbed In St. Louis During No.  
3's Strike.

## MISSOURI-EDISON.

\*Ino. McGann, \*Frank Kelly,  
\*L. Baldwin, \*Dick Harris,  
\*Chas. Addleman, \*Harry Murphy,  
\*Joe Edwards, \*Frank Maher,  
\*Joe Aber, \*Walter Baldwin,  
Geo. McLaughlin, Harry Swarthing,  
Fred Schantz, Tom Watts,  
Jack McCune, Jim Carr,  
Bill Kelly, Tony Burkle,  
Lee Cassavant, Frank Burns,  
Frank Widoe, Tim Murphy,  
Jas. Murphy, Chas. Pipes,  
Rube Smith, Del. Scott.

## BELL TELEPHONE.

Chas. Phillips, Bill O'Dell,  
Geo. Johnson (scabby) Noah MacLamore,  
Frank Gocus, L. Hull,  
\*Mike Cunningham, Jim Green,  
\*Chas. Johnson, Fred Obermiller,  
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W. Davison, D. Davison,  
W. G. Fry (better F. Burmeister,  
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S. M. Clark, Wm. Ziegler,  
E. D. McDonald, Cess. J. Riley,  
J. C. Miller, Stephen Derby,  
A. C. Furness, H. C. Logan,  
M. Saunders, G. B. Lindsay,  
W. C. Lang, Gust Hagen,  
W. Stanley, H. Huddleston,  
C. Lewis, F. Miller,  
J. Blakely, A. Blakely,  
Jack Snyder, W. F. Schwarty,  
W. R. Franks, H. Hicks,  
Pat Gormley, D. Lindsay,  
S. F. Staub, C. B. Bailey,  
J. H. Earhart, L. Logan,  
H. N. Coffey, J. Logan,  
W. N. Adams, W. C. Newton,  
A. Shields, Tom Manning,  
A. Duncan, A. Chaplin,  
B. M. Newell, M. M. Henry,  
G. Hager, J. B. Riley.

Austin, J. Childuss,  
E. Pauley, J. Hogan,  
J. Pauley, E. Zellers,  
C. Farley, W. Thompson,  
D. Bane, J. Porter,  
J. Bundy, C. Wright,  
C. Reel, C. Johnston,  
J. Lowden, Dunkle,  
J. Mears, J. Turner,  
R. Stout, C. Smith,  
H. Jeanette, H. Cole,  
McCollough, A. Jeanette,  
W. Wilson, C. Sheaffer,  
E. Ebert, W. Carson,  
F. Baker.

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## STATEN ISLAND DIVISION.

Nick Dewire, J. Thompson,  
Paddy McGoff, Jim O'Brine (Big Jim)

## LONG ISLAND DIVISION.

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W. J. Bigler, (Whispering Willie)  
Chas. Flynn (Blizzard)  
Robt. Caskey (Toothpick)  
James McDonough (Bender)  
Jack Kelty, John McHugh,  
Andy Peters, Wm. Flanery,  
John Peaty, William Farrell,  
Richard Peaty, Wm. Crevling,  
Louea Alson, Geo. Mitchell,  
Tim Leahy, Patrick King,  
Chas. McCarten, Chas. Van (Trolley),  
John White (Boston), Ervy Slosch,  
John Keenan, Chas. Sorum,  
Jack Davern, —Hendricks

A. B. McLeod, John Bath,  
Samuel McElroy, Wm. Organ.

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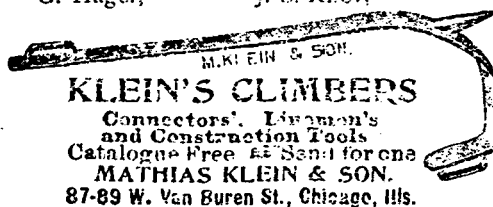
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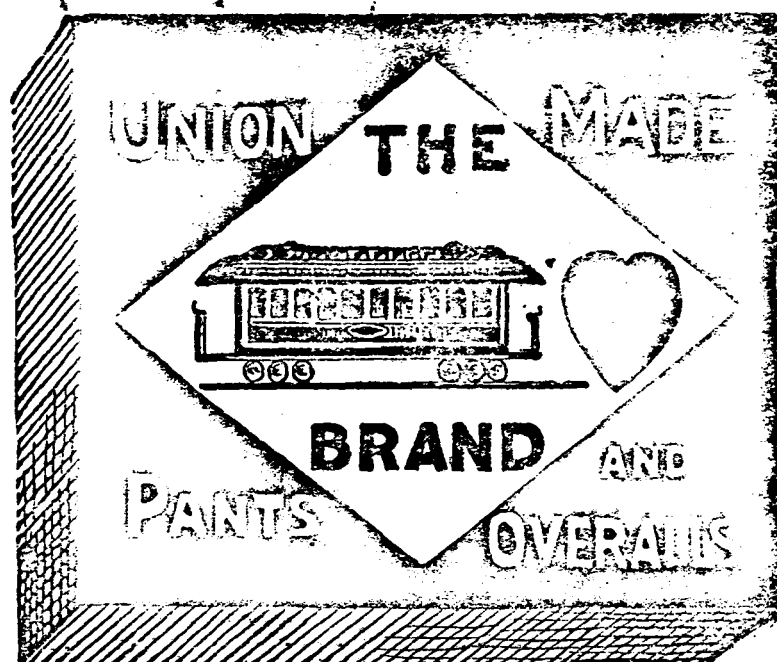
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